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"	*J. H. TICKNOR, Rector Church of Holy Comforter, and Minister in charge St. John's,	Montgomery
"	*J. C. WADDILL, St. James' Church,	Livingston
"	*GEORGE T. WILMER, D. D., Christ Church,	Mobile

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A. BENNERS.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

W. P. BOCOCK, H. A. TAYLOE.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

*B. F. HERR.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

*F. S. LYON, D. F. PROUT,
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J. J. SEAWALL, E. L. STICKNEY,
G. H. GARDNER.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

*F. E. GORDON, *W. T. WALTHALL,
W. P. HAMMOND, *JAMES BOND,
*R. M. LIVINGSTON.

Those marked thus (*) were present.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE,
Wednesday, May 8th, 1867.

This being the time and place for the meeting of the Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled for Divine Service at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS and S. U. SMITH; the ante-Communion Service by the Rev. Messrs. HANSON and G. T. WILMER, D. D., and the Sermon preached by the Rev. J. D. EASTER, Ph. D., from Zech: IV—6.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

The Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.

After the conclusion of Divine Service, the Convention was called to order by the Bishop, who presented the following list of the Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,	Rev. T. J. BEARD,
" S. M. BIRD,	" R. A. COBBS,
" R. H. COBBS,	" J. M. CURTIS,
" F. W. DAMUS,	" J. D. EASTER, Ph. D.
" JOHN Y. GHOLSON,	" J. B. GRAY,
" F. R. HANSON,	" J. S. JARRATT,
" ROBT. JOPE,	" F. B. LEE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" J. M. MITCHELL,
" B. F. MOWER,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" H. N. PIERCE, D. D.	" J. E. POINDEXTER,
" J. M. ROBERTSON,	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" J. H. TICKNOR,	" J. C. WADDILL,

Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D.

Their names having been called by the Secretary of the last Convention, the following were found present:

R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. T. J. BEA	Rev. S. M. BIRD,
" R. A. C	" R. H. COBBS,
" J. M. C	" J. D. EASTER, Ph. D.
" F. R.	" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" H. N	" S. U. SMITH.
"	" J. C. WADDILL,

ER, D. D.

The list of Parishes was then called, and Certificates of Election of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a Committee on Certificates of Elections, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS, CURTIS and S. U. SMITH.

This Committee having examined the same, reported them in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.—H. A. Schroeder, R. H. Smith, R. L. Fearn, Geo. Cleveland, F. B. Clark.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.—W. H. Beatty, S. J. Leach, J. M. Van Hoose.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—H. P. Lefebvre, M. J. Smead, Joseph Hodgson, T. B. Taylor.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon.—W. P. Bocock, H. A. Tayloe.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—C. L. Stickney, R. B. Waller, J. G. Harvey, H. Tinker, A. Benners.

St. James' Church, Livingston.—B. F. Herr.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, D. F. Prout, I. Harwell, B. Whitfield, Jas. Whitfield.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—C. A Bradford, W. G. Jones, W. J. Peckham, H. T. Toulmin, R. Adams.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—F. E. Gordon, W. P. Hammond, W. T. Walthall, James Bond, R. M. Livingston.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—J. J. Scawell, E. L. Stickney, G. H. Gardner.

Their names having been called, the following were found present:

Messrs. CLEVELAND,	Messrs. HERR,	Messrs. GORDON,
LEFEBVRE,	LYON,	BOND,
SMEAD,	JONES,	LIVINGSTON.
HODGSON,	PECKHAM,	

The Bishop then announced a Constitutional quorum present, and declared the Convention duly organized.

The Rev. R. A. COBBS was then elected Secretary.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, for the purpose of electing a Treasurer of the Diocese. JAMES BOND, Esq., was then elected Treasurer.

The Bishop then announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rev. J. D. EASTER, Ph. D., Rev. J. C. WADDILL.

Committee on Finance.—F. S. LYON, W. G. JONES, H. P. LEFEBVRE, F. E. GORDON, GEO. CLEVELAND.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., Rev. S. U. SMITH, and Messrs. HODGSON, BOND and HERR.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rev. T. J. BEARD.

On motion, the reading of the Bishop's Annual Address was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock to-morrow, or immediately after the conclusion of Divine Service.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, (Thursday.)

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE,
Thursday, May 9th, 1867.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with Prayers by the President.

At the calling of the Roll, the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, and Mr. F. B. CLARK of Christ Church, Mobile, took their seats.

The minutes of the preceding day were then read, amended, and approved.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, then made the following Report, through their Secretary.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Since the Convention of May, 1866, testimonials have been signed, giving consent to the consecration of J. P. B. WILMER, Bishop of Louisiana; of GEO. D. CUMMINS, Assistant Bishop of Kentucky; of H. A. NEELY, Bishop of Maine; of D. S. TUTTLE, Missionory Bishop of Montana; the following persons have been recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders, THOMAS L. BANISTER, PHILIP A. FITTS, LEROY J. WATSON. JAMES E. POINDEXTER has been recommended for ordination to the Diaconate.

GEORGE T. WILMER, Secretary.

The Convention then went into an election for members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year. Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS and BEARD were appointed Tellers, who, on counting the ballots, announced the following gentlemen as duly elected to the Standing Committee, viz:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. F. E. GORDON,
Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D.	W. G. JONES,
Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D.	GEO. CLEVELAND.

The Convention then went into the election of Deputies to the General Convention, and the Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS and BEARD were appointed Tellers. On counting the ballots, the Tellers announced the following gentlemen as duly elected to represent this Diocese in the next General Convention.

Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D.	Messrs. JOS. E. JOHNSTON,
Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D.	C. C. CLAY,
Rev. J. M. BANISTER,	J. D. PHELAN,
Rev. F. R. HANSON,	W. P. BOCOCK.

Pending this election, Messrs. C. A. BRADFORD and R. ADAMS, Lay Deputies from Trinity Church, Mobile, and H. A. SCHROEDER, of Christ Church, Mobile, took their seats.

On motion, the Convention then adjourned for Divine Service.

Thursday, 12.30 P. M.

The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

The Rev. J. F. SMITH appeared and took his seat.

The following Resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three Clergymen and Three Laymen, be appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Church Paper in this Diocese.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., and Rev. J. M. BANISTER, of the Clergy, and Messrs. F. B. CLARK, JOS. HODGSON and B. F. HERR, were appointed said Committee.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address, as follows:

BISHOP WILMER'S ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1866.—May 2d. I met the Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, in St. John's Church, Montgomery. After a sermon by the Rev. J. S. JARRATT, I celebrated the Holy Communion. This and the two succeeding days were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

May 6th. (5th Sunday after Easter.) Preached and celebrated Holy Com-

munion in St. John's Church, Montgomery. At night, preached again in same Church, and confirmed 22 persons.

May 7th. Preached in Prattville, Autauga County.

May 8th. Preached in St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.

May 10th. (Ascension Day.) Preached and celebrated Holy Communion in St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'. At the same service I confirmed 8 persons.

May 11th. Preached in St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and confirmed 3 persons.

May 13th. (Sunday after Ascension Day.) Preached morning and afternoon, in St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 9 persons.

May 14th. Preached at County Line, Dallas County.

May 20th. Detained at home by sickness.

May 27th. (Trinity Sunday.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 3d. Preached at Mount Meigs, near Montgomery.

June 4th. Failed to reach Tallassee, on account of high water.

June 5th. Preached at Auburn, and confirmed 1 person.

June 6th. Preached in Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and baptized and confirmed 1 person.

June 8th. Upon this day and the three succeeding days, I preached in St. James' Church, Eufaula—confirming 9 persons during my visitation.

June 12th. Preached at Crawford, Russell County, and confirmed 6 persons.

June 14th. Officiated again at Mount Meigs, and confirmed 2 persons. I also baptized 1 infant.

June 15th. Preached at Snowdon, and confirmed 1 person.

June 17th. (3d Sunday after Trinity.) Detained at home by sickness.

June 24th. (4th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached the Commencement Sermon before the "University of Mississippi." At night, preached in St. Peter's Church, Oxford, and confirmed 1 person—a student of the University.

June 27th. Preached at Meridian, Mississippi, baptized 4 adults, and confirmed 8 persons.

June 28th. Failed to reach my appointment at Pushmataha, because of failure of the cars to make connection.

June 29th. Visited St. James' Church, Livingston, preached on three days, morning and night; baptizing 2 adults and 2 children, confirming 15 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion. This Parish was vacant at the time of my visitation.

July 2d. Preached at Gainesville. This point was likewise, vacant. Here I baptized 2 children.

July 3d. Preached on this and the following day at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed 10 persons.

July 5th. Preached in St. Mark's Church, "Fork of Greene," baptized 1 adult, and confirmed 3 persons.

July 8th. (6th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

July 15th. (7th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and in the afternoon, at St. Mary's, Summerville. This building had been for a long time disused as a place of worship. It is now fitted up and occupied regularly as a house of worship.

July 17th. Baptized 2 children.

July 22d. (8th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, in the morning, and at "Whistler" in the evening. Regular services are now held at this parish by the Rev. F. W. Damus. Measures have been taken for the speedy erection of a house of worship.

July 29th. Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Aug. 5th. (10th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 6 persons.

For some three or four weeks from the last date, I was prevented from officiating by protracted sickness.

Sept. 12th. Baptized 4 children.

Sept. 16th. (16th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile.

Sept. 23d. (17th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Sept. 30th. (18th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Oct. 7th. (19th Sunday after Trinity.) Officiated in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Oct. 14th. (20th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Oct. 17th. Preached at Demopolis, and confirmed 1 person. The Church building in this place having been destroyed by fire, I was indebted to the courtesy of the Presbyterians for the use of their house of worship.

Oct. 18th. (St. Luke's Day.) Preached in St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

Oct. 19th. Preached morning and evening at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed 8 persons.

Oct. 20th. Found that no appointment had been made at "St. John's in the Prairies"—the population having, for the most part, removed from the neighborhood of the Church.

Oct. 21st. (21st Sunday after Trinity.) Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, confirmed 10 persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I preached at Faunsdale Chapel. This house of worship, as the Convention will remember, is occupied by the servants under the pastoral care of the Rev. Wm. A. Stickney. Heretofore, it was a great pleasure to visit this point, for the congregations were large and attentive, and a goodly number of candidates for confirmation uniformly presented themselves. The scene now is sadly changed, and the sheep come not, as they were wont, to the familiar call. Every proper effort has been made by their unwearied friend and employer, but as yet with very little prospect of success.

Oct. 23d. Preached in Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown, and admitted to the Order of Priests, James B. Gray. The Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Stickney and Gholson, joining in the imposition of hands.

Oct. 24th. Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas County, baptized 1 infant, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached again at Church of the Holy Cross, and confirmed 2 persons.

Oct. 25th. Baptized 5 children in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown. This Church is yet without a settled clergyman, and the Rev. W. A. Stickney is officiating temporarily by my appointment.

Oct. 26th. Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, confirmed 4 persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Oct. 28th. (22d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Selma and celebrated the Holy Communion. In the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Gholson, I confirmed 1 person. Whilst in Selma I baptized 3 infants.

Oct. 29th. Preached in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, morning and evening; baptizing 1 adult and 2 children; confirming 2 persons, and celebrating the Holy Communion.

Nov. 4th. (23d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Nov. 7th. Attended service in Christ Church, New Orleans, and participated with the other Bishops present in the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Wilmer to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Louisiana.

Nov. 11th. (24th Sunday after Trinity.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Nov. 14th. At Demopolis, united in Holy Matrimony, Wm. M. Polk and Ida A. Lyon.

Whilst in the course of fulfilling sundry appointments along the Railroad from Selma to Jacksonville, I was stricken down by fever, which detained me several weeks on the road, and compelled me to return home without visiting any of the points contemplated. On my return through Selma, I had the satisfaction of finding that the vestry of St. Paul's Church, in that place, had succeeded in filling the vacancy in the Rectorship. I confirmed there, 1 sick person in private.

Dec. 23d. (4th Sunday in Advent.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Dec. 25th. (Christmas Day.) Preached and celebrated Holy Communion in Christ Church, Mobile.

Dec. 30th. (Sunday after Christmas.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Jan. 6th. (Epiphany.) Preached and celebrated Holy Communion in Christ Church, Mobile.

Jan. 13th. (1st Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 16 persons.

Jan. 20th. (2d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 7 persons.

Jan. 27th. (3d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached—in Christ Church, Savannah, Ga.—a sermon in commemoration of the life and labors of the late Bishop of Georgia; and, at the same service, I confirmed 24 persons. In the afternoon, I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Savannah, and confirmed 8 persons.

Jan. 28th. I repeated, in St. John's Church, Savannah, the memorial sermon of Bishop ELLIOTT, and confirmed 13 persons.

Jan. 31st. I preached in St. James' Church, Eufaula.

Feb. 3d. (4th Sunday after Epiphany.) I preached, morning and evening, at Columbus, Georgia; confirmed 36 persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Feb. 10th. (5th Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached, in Christ Church, Mobile, a sermon commemorative of the late Bishop ELLIOTT. The Bishop of Tennessee and sundry of the Clergy were present and participated in the solemnities.

Feb. 13th. Attended meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South in Montgomery. In the evening, by request of the Board, repeated the memorial sermon referred to above.

Feb. 16th. Preached in Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed 8 persons.

Feb. 17th. (Septuagesima Sunday.) In St. John's Church, Montgomery, after a sermon by the Rev. S. M. BIRD, I admitted to Deacon's Orders, JAMES E. POINDEXTER, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, I preached in old St. John's Church, and confirmed 1 person. At night, I preached in St. John's Church, and confirmed 24 persons.

Feb. 19th. Preached at Greenville, morning and evening, and confirmed 7 persons. I also baptized 2 adults and 1 infant.

Feb. 24th. (Sexagesimi Sunday.) Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and confirmed 3 persons, one of them from Trinity Church, Mobile.

The Rev. ROBERT JOPE, the officiating Minister in charge at this point, has established an Institute for Boys at St. Mary's, and has commenced his school with most encouraging tokens of success. It is hoped that, with God's blessing, this Institute will grow into a Diocesan School of the highest grade. The property at St. Mary's was donated to the Church for educational purposes, and it is most gratifying to me to be able to say that there is a goodly prospect of carrying out, under Mr. JOPE's energetic administration, the beneficent design of the donor.

March 3d. (Quinquagesima Sunday.) Preached at "Whistler," near Mobile, and confirmed 17 persons, one of them a sick person in private. It will be seen that the labors of the Rev. F. W. DAMUS at this point have been greatly blessed. Measures have been taken for the speedy erection of a Church building. The necessary lumber has been procured and paid for, and a commencement will be speedily made.

March 6th. (Ash Wednesday.) Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

March 10th. (1st Sunday in Lent.) Failed to reach my appointment at Claiborne, because of the failure of the steamboat; officiated there on the next two days; baptized 4 adults and 10 children, and confirming 6 persons. I also celebrated Holy Communion. I hope to make early arrangements for supplying this point with regular services.

March 15th. Preached at St. Mary's Church, Camden, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

March 17th. (2d Sunday in Lent.) Preached, at night, in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 7 persons.

March 24th. (3d Sunday in Lent.) Preached in St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, morning and afternoon, and confirmed 12 persons.

March 25th. Preached in Trinity Church, Florence, and confirmed 6 persons. I also celebrated the Holy Communion.

March 27th. Preached at Decatur, and confirmed 2 persons. Mr. McCallum, a Layman of the Church, has interested himself in the establishment of a Sunday School at this long neglected point, and his labors have been blessed with immediate results. Not waiting for the erection of a house of worship, he gathered the children of the village into his own house, and the first confirmations at this place are the fruits of his earnest work. This village was almost entirely destroyed by the United States forces, only four houses being left unconsumed by fire. The place is slowly being built up, and whilst there I consummated measures for the purchase of a lot for a Church building. The Rev. J. M. Robertson is now officiating regularly at this point. Let our Laymen at other points in the Diocese take encouragement from the successful efforts of Mr. McCallum, and do likewise.

March 28th. Preached at Athens in the house of worship belonging to the Methodist congregation. The attendance was large, and the attention given to the services most commendable. I found in Athens a few members of the Church, and I am making arrangements to provide them with occasional services. On the same day I visited, by request, the Female Institute, which is under the charge of the Methodist Conference of Tennessee. I addressed the pupils, and was gratified to observe their orderly and reverent demeanor. Everything connected with the Institute reflects the highest credit upon the administrative capacity of the Principal.

In the afternoon of the same day I returned to Decatur and held another service, baptizing 1 adult and confirming 2 young persons. These also were the fruits of Mr. McCallum's Sunday School labors.

March 30th. Preached in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, morning and night.

March 31st. (4th Sunday in Lent.) Preached in same Church, morning and afternoon, and confirmed 17 persons. Preached again the next night, and confirmed 12 persons—making in all 29 confirmations at this visitation. It was most gratifying to me to mark the steady growth of this interesting congregation, and, particularly, to note the influence of a well-trained Sunday School upon the life and growth of the people. The Diocese of Alabama owes a debt of gratitude to Bishop Lay of Arkansas; for his labors, under God, were mainly instrumental in laying the foundation of this Church, and in bringing it on to the present condition of prosperity. The work, so successfully commenced by Bishop Lay, is carried on in the same spirit by the present earnest aud faithful Rector.

April 3d. Preached in St. Peter's Church, Rome, Georgia, morning and night, and confirmed 25 persons. I also celebrated the Holy Communion.

April 4th. Preached in St. James' Church, Marietta, Ga. On the next day, I preached in the same Church, and confirmed 10 persons. At night, I attended a Missionary service in St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, Ga.

April 6th. In St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, I ordained Deacon, Thomas Coke Stanley, late a Methodist Minister; Sermon by the Rev. W. H. Clarke, of Augusta; candidate presented by the Rev. Chas. W. Thomas, of Atlanta.

April 7th. (5th Sunday in Lent.) I preached in the same Church, morning and afternoon, and confirmed 22 persons.

April 14th. (6th Sunday in Lent.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, at night.

April 15th. Baptized an infant.

April 19th. (Good Friday.) Preached in Selma, and confirmed 13 persons.

April 20th. (Easter Even.) Preached in St. Luke's, Jacksonville.

April 21st. (Easter Day.) Preached in same Church, morning and afternoon, baptized 3 children, confirmed 7 persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

April 22d. (Monday in Easter Week.) Preached in Talladega, and confirmed 3 persons. I also baptized an infant.

April 23d. (Tuesday in Easter Week.) Preached in Montevallo, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

In the evening of the same day, at Selma, I joined together in Holy Matrimony, HILARY A. HERBERT and ELLA B. SMITH.

April 25th. Preached at Briarfield Iron Works, at night. Next morning I held early morning service at same place, baptized 5 infants and celebrated the Holy Communion. At this point and at Montevallo, we have some few members of the Church who are greatly interested to have regular services established. The rich mineral wealth of this region is attracting capital; and a large population is gathering around the Works, which are being rapidly built up for the manufacture of iron. We greatly need the services of one or more men who could hold services and establish Church Schools at these great mining centres. The harvest truly is great, but where are the laborers to gather it in?

April 28th. (1st Sunday after Easter.) Preached in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, morning and night, and confirmed at the first service 17 persons. I preached again in the same Church on the next day, and confirmed 3 persons—one of them a sick person in private. Notwithstanding the deep depression under which this city is suffering from the loss of its population by removal, the Church continues to grow, and I witnessed with great satisfaction the indications of renewed life in this congregation—nearly the oldest in the Diocese.

May 5th. (2d Sunday after Easter.) I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 28 persons.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the year:

Marriages, ... 2
Baptisms—Infants, 43; Adults, 17, ... 60
Confirmations—In Mississippi, 9; in Georgia, 138; in Alabama, 338, ... 485
Deacons Ordained, (in Georgia, 1,) 2
Priests Ordained, ... 1
Lay Readers appointed, ... 7
viz: H. P. LEFEBVRE, J. D. PHELAN, L. M. WILSON, EDWIN SHEILD, J. SEVIER, MILTON SAYRE, LEROY J. WATSON.
Candidates for Deacon's Orders received, ... 3
viz: PHILIP A. FITTS, T. LEWIS BANISTER, LEROY J. WATSON, (colored.)

"Letters Dimissory" have been given to Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, to the Diocese of Pittsburg; to Rev. WM. M. PETTIS, to the Diocese of Mississippi.

I have received into the Diocese, by "Letters Dimissory," the Rev. ROBERT JOPE, from the Bishop of Iowa; the Rev. J. M. CURTIS, from the Bishop of Texas; the Rev. S. M. BIRD, from the Bishop of Virginia; and the Rev. JOHN HENRY MEILI, from the Bishop of Iowa.

I have given my canonical assent to the consecration of the Rev. J. P. B. WILMER, D. D., to the Episcopate of Louisiana; of the Rev. GEO. D. CUMMINS, D. D., to the Assistant Episcopate of Kentucky; of the Rev. Dr. NEELY, to the Episcopate of Maine; of the Rev. D. S. TUTTLE, to the Missionary Episcopate of Montana, &c.; of the Rev. WM. E. ARMITAGE, D. D., to the Assistant Episcopate of Wisconsin.

I have received from the Bishop of Texas official notice of the deposition from the ministry of C. W. STONE; from the Bishop of Missouri, of the deposition of J. P. CANNON; from the Bishop of Wisconsin, of the deposition of EBENEZER WILLIAMS; from the Bishop of Connecticut, of the deposition of CHARLES T. BALCH.

The Clerical changes in this Diocese, since last report, have been as follows, viz: the Rev. S. M. BIRD is Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma; the Rev. J. M. CURTIS is Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion; the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, officiating Missionary at Whistler; the Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON has been transferred from Jacksonville to Decatur; the Rev. J. C. WADDILL has been elected to the Rectorship of St. James' Church, Livingston.

I wish now to call the attention of the Convention to sundry matters of interest.

The missionary work of the Diocese has always engaged my earnest attention. In order to carry on the work more effectively, I addressed a circular to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, setting forth that a contribution, amount-

ing to a dime per week from every communicant of the Church, would put me in possession of a fund of some $10,000 per annum. I am sorry to say that the Treasurer's account will show that the recommendation has not, as a general thing, been carried out. I cannot think that the Clergy are sufficiently alive to the importance of fully sustaining me in the missionary work of the Diocese. I could now finish two Churches at important points in the Diocese if my proposition to raise a sum of one dime per week had been carried out in all our parishes. It is not credible that our people—surely not the least wealthy of our population—are not able to raise that amount. I am sure that they are not unwilling.

In this connection, I will state that, for some time during the last two years, I found it necessary to advance sums to the Clergy upon my personal responsibility. No collections could be made, for some time, for Diocesan Missions. This circumstance will explain the fact that certain drafts upon the Treasurer are made payable to myself. This was done in order to cover advances previously made by me to certain parties. In some instances, I turned over the collections to the Parish or to the Minister in charge; rendering an account of the collection to the Treasurer, and drawing upon him in order to balance his account.

The Domestic Committee of the General Board of Missions has aided me most materially in support of the Clergy at certain points. I informed them, very recently, of my desire to employ two Evangelists. The Secretary of the Committee has advised me that the Board acceded to my views, and would furnish the amount named by me to the parties who might be appointed to act in that capacity. I cannot in too strong terms express my sense of the liberality and kind consideration which has marked the action of the "Board of Domestic Missions" in reference to all my recommendations and suggestions. It is time for us to show our sense of their actions by taking up an annual collection in all our Churches in behalf of the general fund. The collections may not amount to any considerable sum, but they will most effectively attest our hearty recognition of the real unity and union of the Church.

THE CHURCH HOME FOR ORPHANS.

It will be remembered by the Convention that, at the session of 1864 at Montgomery, measures were adopted for the establishment of "Church Homes for Orphans," and that the whole matter was referred to the Bishop of the Diocese. In the last published journal will be found a statement of the collections which were made for the establishment of a "Church Home" at Tuskaloosa. Anticipating a failure of the currency, I turned all the available funds into property of some description, and was so fortunate as to lose nothing by its repudiation. There were certain certificates of debt, donated to the object, but at no time after they came into my hands, were they available.

The property purchased by me in Tuskaloosa is the subject of a law-suit, but I have every reason to hope that the decision of the Courts will be in our favor.

The Orphans which were sheltered in the Church Home at Tuskaloosa have been recently removed to Mobile—with the view of having them more immediately under my eye. I must embrace this opportunity to speak of the great liberality of our people in Mobile. Under every discouragement, they have responded most generously to my appeals, and have enabled me to build up a "Home" for Orphans which, under God's good providence, will become a nursery of the Church. I have also, on my personal responsibility, purchased a large property at Spring Hill—where we have a flourishing School for girls. I have provided that this property, when paid for, shall become the property of the Sisterhood of the Church Home. My design is, should God prosper my undertaking, to have this School permanently under the direction of the Sisterhood, and that all the profits accruing therefrom shall go to the support of our Widows and Orphans. I make no appeal to the Diocese for help because I am aware that our people, as a general rule, are not in a situation to respond to such appeals. It is a source of great satisfaction to me to be able to report that, notwithstanding the stringency of our financial matters, the amount given by the Church people of Mobile during the last year to extra-parochial objects

is greater than ever before. Their spirit of liberality seems to have increased with the diminution of their resources—affording the pleasing evidence that tribulation is yielding one of its most precious fruits.

Altogether, we have much cause to render our humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God for his great mercies. For myself I desire to record my sense of the Divine mercy in that He has enabled me, under every discouragement, and with frequent intervals of sickness, to accomplish an unusual amount of work, both at home and abroad.

The number of confirmations is greater than ever before reported. The attention of the public mind is directed with more than ordinary earnestness to the claims of the Church; the Clergy seem to be earnestly engaged in their parochial work, and are willing to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ—and the people, with every thing around to discourage them, are still looking forward with much patience for the dawn of a better day. God in his own time and in his own way—which is the best time and the best way—will bring order out of confusion, and light out of darkness. Let us in faith and patience do our work and bide His time.

Since we last met together it has pleased God in His wise providence to remove from this Church three of her revered Bishops—BURGESS, RUTLEDGE and ELLIOTT. The Bishopric of one is already filled. May the Holy Spirit guide the deliberations of the two Conventions now in session.

The members of the Convention will have seen my name, together with the names of twenty-seven other Bishops, appended to a certain "Declaration" in regard to the much vexed question of Ritualism. I have not seen fit, heretofore, to put forth any explanation of the views which influenced me to join with others in setting forth such a document. I deem it proper, however, at this time, and in this more official manner, to indicate briefly the views which I hold, and by which I purpose to be governed, upon this whole question.

The document, above referred to, is not such an one in every particular as I would myself have framed; but I did not, therefore, withhold an expression of general concurrence in what I deemed to be the main scope and object of the declaration—viz: that Particular and National Churches have authority to decree Rites and Ceremonies; and that the introduction of usages, hitherto unknown in this branch of the Church, should not be allowed, except under competent authority. In order to bring before you the animus with which I signed the declaration, I give here a copy of the letter which accompanied the authorization of my signature.

"MOBILE, ALA., December 14, 1867.

"Rt. Rev. and Dear Bro:

"With the principles set forth in that Circular I heartily "concur, and I regard their promulgation at this time as most opportune and "important. I would have preferred that the Circular, at this stage of the pro-"ceedings, should have stopped with the enunciation of the general principle, "in regard to the non-obligatory character of Anglican rubrics and precedents; "and that it should have refrained from the particularization contained in the "last paragraph but one. We have no "Clerical habits," authorized by law, in "the American Church, and it would be difficult to pronounce upon any par-"ticular vestments, or change of vestments, as contrary to law and as liable to "censure.

"We shall, in all probability, be compelled to legislate upon this and kindred "subjects, and I should have preferred to come to the consideration of these "questions without any previous committal by specification.

"With this exception, I heartily approve the document, and deem its promul-"gation of great importance.

"Yours, &c. RICH'D H. WILMER."

"Rt. Rev. Dr. COXE."

My reason for excepting to the "paragraph" in question was two-fold—first, because, in the absence of any law in this Church, usage and precedent did ne-

cessarily prevail to a certain extent and in regard to certain particulars; and, second, because I was not at all clear that some one of the practices specified might not in time come to be sanctioned by the authority of this Church. The specifications embraced in the paragraph of the Declaration referred to, did not all belong to the same class—a part thereof being highly censurable, and another part not at all so if sanctioned by competent authority.

Still, as I said, the Declaration had a certain intent—to put an arrest upon the hasty and ill-advised introduction of usages to which our people were strangers;—and I heartily joined with my brethren in throwing whatever weight of influence I had in a wholesome direction.

This declaration of opinion has been the subject of much comment, and, in some instances, of unseemly criticism. With all this I have nothing to do. I feel bound, however, as this subject has come up, and in all likelihood will interest the Church for several years to come, to indicate the principles which, in my judgment, should govern the deliberations of the Church, and regulate the conduct of the Clergy of this Diocese.

Most happily, under God's good providence, the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese are "as a city at unity in itself." No party names are known among us, and no party issues lie before us. If it be asked, and it is asked, why not wait for some manifestation of tendency towards an undue ritualism before making any declaration, I reply, that it is precisely for the reason that the declaration in question has no personal bearing, that I regarded its promulgation, on my part, so opportune and likely to prove so effective. It is better, if possible, to guard against the approach of an epidemic than to trust to the chances of arresting it after its full manifestation. Prevention, when practicable, is more effective than cure.

The fact cannot be disguised, that there is at this time a more than usual tendency towards the increase of ritualistic observance. It is manifested not only in the Church, but in the various denominational bodies of christians. This state of things is symptomatic. It is in one point of view a very hopeful symptom. It shows very clearly that the prejudices against the Church, because of her Ritual, are fast disappearing; and the large accessions, which she is constantly receiving from the ranks of the denominations, are in proof that the impulses of the public mind are taking a healthy direction. And even where there is no disposition manifested to break away from denominational moorings, there is a marked tendency towards the adoption of forms, with the effect of giving natural and churchly expression to religious feeling.

Now, in so far as this disposition evidences a desire for something more decent, orderly and reverential—and there can be no question that in many instances it does so—it is healthful. But when was it that any movement of the human mind was kept free from exaggeration and perversion? Pendulum-like, it swings from one extreme to another; and it demands a wisdom more than human to guide any of its movements with healthful moderation. Hitherto, this Church has been called upon to assert her Episcopal character, to defend, and almost to apologize for, her Ritual. The people, instead of feeling themselves called upon to show cause why they were not in communion with a branch of the Apostolic Church, were constantly putting the Church upon her defence. She has cause now, and will soon have increasing cause, to assert her pro*test*ant character, which is merely the negative side of her catholicity.

The practical question now comes up—in what way and by what authority shall the Ritual of the Church be regulated? In my judgment, the 34th Article of Religion settles the general question of "Authority" for every Clergyman of this Church.

It may be urged, and it is urged, that this Church has not asserted her full authority; that she has not provided for all contingencies; and that, consequently, in the absence of needful provision, traditional usage has given sanction to many practices for which there can be claimed no express enactments. I reply, that this is undoubtedly true; and that hitherto this Church has felt no pressing need for such enactments. Whilst the American Colonies were subject to the British crown, the Churches were under the jurisdiction of the Bishops of the Anglican Church. A certain usage was thereby established,

and certain vestments were in use, &c., &c. When the Colonies became independent, and the establishment of a particular and national Church took place, whilst it is true that there was no law of Ritual enacted embracing all particulars, yet at the same time, by the adoption of the above named Article of Religion, this Church did affirm her authority in the premises—to be asserted whenever, in her judgment, the occasion should call for its exercise. That occasion, in my judgment, has now arisen, and this Church is now called upon to assert her prerogative, and to put an end to an unseemly contention by the exercise of her undisputed, and indisputable, authority in the premises.

What was the design of the other members of the House of Bishops in signing their names to the "Declaration" I have no means of knowing, nor in this presence am I concerned to know. But, so far as I was concerned, my meaning was, that this Church should, at the earliest day practicable, take up this whole question, and put an end to all this controversy. In times past there seemed to be no necessity for the exercise of her prerogative. I do not think that it can be safely postponed any longer. If the Church is thrown back upon Anglican precedents and usages, we encounter a difficulty at the threshold. The question of Ritual is not settled in the Anglican Church; and it is altogether unseemly, to say the least, that precedent and usage, and even law, should be claimed in this Church for practices, the legality of which is now under discussion in the Church of England. There cannot be such urgent necessity as to warrant, upon individual opinion, a prejudgment in regard to matters now under grave debate among the most learned Canonists in the Church of England.

As a matter of course, this question cannot be settled save by the legislative action of the General Convention, and, consequently, the "Declaration" referred to does not claim to be anything more than a declaration of *opinion* upon the point involved. It is, however, premonitory of the fact, that what is now put forth *declaratively*, shall some day, in so far as a majority of the Bishops can effect it, come forth *authoritatively*. It is a sad sign when the members of the Church feel themselves at liberty to treat with disrespect the declared opinion of a majority of their Bishops, and to treat with contumely such expression of opinion, because it may happen to lack the technical authority of law. The most virulent enemy of the Episcopate could hardly devise so sure a method of casting contempt upon the whole Order. The spirit of reverence which underlies a healthy ritualism, should have rendered a certain sort of criticisim impossible.

Assuming, therefore, that the definitive and authoritative settlement of this whole matter cannot be longer safely postponed, and that it will receive the attention of the next General Convention, I deem it proper to direct your minds at this time to the consideration of some particulars, in order that we may be prepared to act advisedly when the time for legislative action shall have arrived.

It would be most unphilosophical—not to say uncatholic—to attempt to rule down every mind and every age to one form and degree of ritualistic expression. Whatever tends to the healthy developement of sound religious sentiment may be safely made subservient to the worship of the Most High God. Where ritualistic expression proceeds from, and is guided by the genuine religious principle—the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Ghost—there is no danger to be apprehended from any excess of outward manifestation, ruled by a sound discretion.

But how shall this manifestation be regulated? If it be left to individual discretion, or to the almost equally indeterminate rule of precedent, occasion will be given for inconvenient diversity of practice, for unseemly contentions and for party organizations. We need, I think it must be admitted, much more flexibility in our system of worship—but a flexibility under rule and within assigned bounds. In order to this there must be a *maximum allowed*, and a *minimum demanded*—the one to afford scope, and the other to impose restraint. These two polar points—the allowed maximum, and the required minimum—should be sufficiently wide apart to include within them all the conditions of a healthy spirituality; nourishing reverence, and excluding its caricature—superstition. The Catholicity of this branch of the Holy Uni-

versal Church might safely find expression in a larger range and variety of services and offices. There might be arranged, for example, a short earnest "Mission Service," suited for the pioneer Missionary in his work among a people not yet prepared for sustained devotion and attention. The lambs of Christ's flock too, should be fed "after their manner." And there might be the more elaborate service for more advanced congregations—if for no other reason—because many true and good people desire it, and because a Church which pretends to Catholicity should allow, and provide, that which the faithful greatly desire—carefully excluding whatever might involve falseness of doctrine, and sedulously guarding against whatever might feed an unhealthy pruriency. Such a system as I have touched in broad outline—which should give healthful play and impose needful restraint—is under present circumstances highly desirable.

The question now becomes one of great interest—"What considerations should govern the mind of this Church in ordering a Ritual, which shall, at the same time, restrain individual license, and set the Church free to work out the great mission which in God's good providence seems to be set before her."

The first consideration to which I shall call your attention is brought out in answer to the question—"Upon what material is this Church mainly called to work?" This is a consideration of great moment.

Owing to the early and inveterate prejudices of the American people against every thing of British origin, this Church, as an offshoot of the Church in England, had to encounter in her early history the sternest opposition. The great masses in this country had been imbued with the opinions and prejudices of certain leading denominational bodies—all of them prejudiced against the Church, and, with the spirit so characteristic of the sect, impatient of her Order and Ceremonial. Hitherto this prejudice has been inveterate, and, to a great extent, invincible. A great change, however, has taken place and is in progress. The inherently defective and vicious features of sectarianism have forced themselves upon the attention of great numbers of thoughtful and earnest minds. As a consequence, they are being gathered by thousands into the communion of the Church. Those features in this Church which now attract, and attract the most earnest and thoughtful, are the gravity, propriety and order of her Ritual, the fulness of Scriptural teaching which is embodied in her services, and the Catholic spirit which has illustrated her annals. Great numbers are at this time casting about for something more solid and satisfying than they have found in their denominational connections. They are almost prepared to accept the Church as she is, and as they have been taught to know her; but they are naturally repelled by the introduction of usages to which they are strangers, and in regard to which they entertain a not unreasonable suspicion. I speak from personal knowledge when I affirm that hundreds are pausing in their progress towards the Church, because of the accounts which they read of certain ritualistic demonstrations in certain localities. Their remark is, "that they want the usages of the Church as they have learned to know and appreciate them, but that they fear the tendencies of the practices referred to." And it must be further said, that the persons who thus speak are the most sober-minded, earnest and thoughtful among our people. There are, it must be admitted, many others who would be captivated by a less sober and more sensuous Ritual, and the more outward and the less inward the worship, the greater would be the attraction. But it would be an ill-advised policy, to say the least, which would seek to win the thoughtless at the risk of losing better men. Besides there is great danger in ministering to a taste already unhealthily prurient —which can only find its satisfaction complete in a system which fills the senses indeed, but cramps the intellect, and enervates the heart. We cannot, without the sacrifice of truth, entirely satisfy a certain class of people—the spectacle-gazers and theatre-goers who would rather *see* than *hear;* who would find the sermon on the mount tame and spiritless, and yet be enraptured by a blaze of tapers.

We are daily compelled to protest against a system which fulfils the demands of a sensuous soul, by presenting to the eye the object of supreme adoration. We can enter into no rivalry with such a system as this—in their line. We can

meet and successfully cope with that system so long as we maintain our present line of battle; but in a rivalry of tableaux we could not successfully compete—save by knowing again "Christ after the flesh," and by repudiating that declaration of Faith for which our fathers shed their blood.

Let this thought be kept distinctly before the mind—that this Church has achieved her present position in Christendom by her Apostolicity, her Scripturalness, her conservatism, in a word—her Catholicity. This it is which has reclaimed multitudes of her wandering children, and has gathered, and is gathering, into her embrace the wise and good and earnest of all sorts and conditions of men. God Almighty grant that her future course may be so wisely ordered that she shall not lose the ground which has been gained by so much of fidelity in holding forth the word of Eternal life.

But there is another and weightier consideration which is to be constantly kept before our minds. Say what we will of the importance of suitable forms—and their importance when recognized only as forms cannot easily be over estimated—yet the history of the Church has proved that there has not always been the most healthful life when there has been the largest access of ritualistic observance. The outward and visible, although necessary to embody and preserve the inward and spiritual, may remain when the inward and spiritual has vanished—as the corpse from which the vital spark has fled. When was it that the Church achieved her most splendid triumphs—that her hosts militant wrought righteousness, subdued kingdoms, and brought the nations of the earth under the dominion of Christ? Was it not when her Bishops did the deeds of Apostles—when her Priests were clothed with righteousness and her Saints sung with joyfulness—when the people first gave themselves unto the Lord, and then kept back nothing from him that could tend to his glory and to the extension of his kingdom. And the power which accomplished all this!—which wrought mightily in men to preach and in their hearers to believe—whence was this power? It was the quickening power of the Holy Ghost, "the Lord and Giver of Life which proceedeth from the Father and the Son."

It would seem that we need most constantly a renewal of the vision which was vouchsafed to the Holy Prophet (Zech. IV.) when the Angel that talked with him came again, and waked him, "as a man that is wakened out of his sleep," and said unto him, "What seest thou?" "And I said, I have looked, "and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his "seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the "top thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, "and the other upon the left side thereof," Then said the Angel that talked with him, "Knowest thou not what these be?" "This is the word of the Lord "unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith "the Lord of Hosts." Then spake the Prophet, "what are these two olive trees "upon the right side of the candlestick, and upon the left side thereof?"—"What "be those two olive branches which through the two golden pipes empty the "golden oil out of themselves?" Then said he, "These are the two anointed "ones that stand by the Lord of the whole earth."

Here we have in vision the Church with all her manifold channels of grace—the candlestick that gives light to the world—replenished continually from the source of light. But we are admonished in God's holy word that the influences of the spirit are not given by measure—that they may be withheld, and even withdrawn. For there is recorded for our admonition the case of the foolish virgins, whose lamps went out; and there is before us in history the fearful example of the Church at Ephesus, whose candlestick, as had been threatened, was removed out of its place, so that the golden oil no longer poured itself from the olive branches through the golden pipes.

In the name of God, beloved, let us never lose sight of this great truth—the word of the Lord spoken to us through His Holy Prophet—"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts." Let us have a care that whilst we believe in the Father who created us, and in the Son who redeemed us, we believe also in the Holy Ghost who quickeneth and sanctifieth us.

We live under the "Dispensation of the Spirit." The power by which the preaching of the Apostles wrought such marvels was, "the demonstration of the

Spirit." The power by which we are to awaken the dead around us, and build up the faithful as living stones into the spiritual temple, is that of the same quickening Spirit. There may be a growth of the Church which proceeds not of the Spirit. There may be a growth which runs too much to the formation of the leaf, and brings no fruit to perfection. The barren fig-tree was not dead, but it yielded nothing but leaves. Its *barrenness* was cursed and it withered away. The tree which bears no leaves, and that which bears nothing but leaves, are alike unprofitable to the husbandman.

No, beloved brethren, we are not *suffering* greatly from any lack of Ritual. We are suffering from want of faith, and, consequently, from a lack of those good works which proceed from a lively faith. It betrays, in my judgment, a lamentable defect somewhere when men clamor so eagerly for an increase of forms *as so essential to the increased life of the Church.* Granted that we are somewhat crippled by a lack of flexibility in the use of existing forms; granted that we may find more scope by an increase of forms, and, under certain circumstances, by a diminution of required forms; it cannot be truthfully said that we are seriously suffering from any lack of Ritual; however desirable certain changes and additions might be admitted to be. Whatever is done in the way of change, let all be done under competent authority, and with a judicious regard to time, place and circumstance. I have no fear that the Church in this country will not act wisely when the time for action comes. There is no body on earth from whose action we are warranted to look for more wisdom in legislation than from the General Convention, representing as it does all orders and estates of men in Christ's Church.

I am persuaded, brethren, that this branch of Christ's Holy Catholic Church has a great mission to fulfil to the people of this age and nation. The fullness of scriptural teaching, embodied in her Ritual, adapts her—if not to the tastes—to the wants of the unlearned and ignorant, and attracts to her the homage of the most devout and elevated minds. She is catholic because scriptural, and scriptural because catholic. There is—I affirm it without fear of reasonable contradiction—no organization of christian men whose position is so truly catholic in the just acceptation of that term. Whilst one body takes from the faith, and another adds to the faith—thereby altering the terms of communion—it is the high prerogative of this Church to be able to say, that the Faith which is proclaimed at her altars, and alone proclaimed as the necessary faith of a christian man, is the Catholic Faith—the Creed of the Apostles—the "*Quod semper, quod ubique, quod ab omnibus.*" Let this fact be blazoned abroad, that men, bewildered and often drawn away by the claims of a spurious catholicity, may learn where they may find the Catholic Faith, and none other. Let it be proclaimed that we are pro*test*ant because catholic—pro*test*ant against that which is *new*, because proclaiming only that which is *old*. And let us rejoice to live for the maintenance and defence of the Faith for which our fathers endured the cross and the stake.

And let us do all in the spirit of heavenly charity—that charity which "vaunteth not itself; seeketh not her own; rejoiceth in the truth, and never faileth." The power by which God himself triumphs over the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, is that of Love. The faith which worketh by love—this we do greatly need. May God pour out upon His Church this spirit in measures more abundant than we have grace to ask or even to think. Amen.

On motion, this Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Parochial Reports were then read, as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Geo. T. Wilmer, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 24,.....Total, 27
Confirmations—White,.....13
Marriages—White,.....16
Funerals—White,.....13
Communicants—White, at last report, 244; added, 18; died, 3; removed, 6;
Present No.....253
Sunday School—Teachers, 15; scholars, white, 90,.....Total, 105
Communions Administered,.....15
Communion Offerings,.....$844 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 183 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 375 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. J. D. Easter, Ph. D., Rector.

May 8th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 11,.....Total, 16
Confirmations—White, ...20
Marriages—White,.....2
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants—White, at last report, 99; added, 18; died, 1; present No...89
Colored, at last report, 3; present No.....3
Communions Administered,.....14
Communion Offerings,.....$176 10
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 39 60
Domestic Missions,..... 6 50
For Parochial Schools,..... 90 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 443 70

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

Of these communicants 15 whites and 1 colored reside in the country too far to attend the services of the Church, leaving as the effective strength of the Parish 74 whites and 2 colored.

The former report was very incorrect as regards the number of communicants, many persons were reported as communicants, who had never received the Holy Communion.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May 6th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 13,.....Total, 14
Confirmations—White,..... 8
Marriages—White, 3; colored, 1,..... 4
Funerals—White, 9; colored, 2,.....11
Communicants—White, at last report, 93; added, 16; died, 1; removed, 5;
Present No.....103
Colored, at last report, 1; present No.....1
Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white, 60; colored, 30,.....Total, 98
Communions Administered,.....18
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$189 90
For Church purposes generally,..... 237 70
The Children's Easter Offering, for a special purpose,..... 62 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.—Rev. J. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

Rt. Rev. Dr. WILMER, Bishop of Alabama—

Having been absent from Montgomery continuously since the last of last May, I can make no report of the statistics of St. John's Church during that period. During the month of May there were:

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 7,.....Total, 12
Confirmations—White,.....22
Marriages,.....1
Burials,.....2

The Rev. Mr. TICKNOR, who has been officiating in my stead, will give the statistics for the balance of the year; and these will show, I trust, that his ministrations have been, by God's blessing, as fruitful as, I am sure they have been, faithful and earnest.

I am thankful to be able to report my health much improved, and to hope to return soon to my loved field of labour, able not merely to work, but to "endure hardness," if the Lord will, in His blessed service.

Dutifully,

Milan, Italy, April 8th, 1867. JNO. M. MITCHELL.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

May 7th, 1867.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector in charge.

Baptisms—White, adults, 16; infants, 17,.....Total, 33
Colored, adults, 1; infants 4,..... " 5
Confirmations—White, 24; colored, 1,..... " 25
Marriages—White, 13; colored, 2,..... " 15
Funerals—White, 14; colored, 1,..... " 15
Communicants—White, at last report, 243; added, 32; died, 4; removed, 3;
Present No.....265
Colored, at last report, 16; added, 1; removed, 13; present No. 4
Sunday School—Teachers, 25; scholars, white, 181,.....Total, 206
Library Books,.....953
Communions Administered,.....14
Communion Offerings.....$ 399 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 115 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 1,625 93

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

The collections above reported are mainly from the weekly offertory.

Under the head of Library Books, is included the Parochial Library, containing some eighty-three carefully selected works, to which large additions will be shortly made.

The Sunday School, under the zealous and judicious management of Prof. H. P. LEFEBVRE, has attained an extraordinary degree of prosperity. The total collections in this behalf are about $400, of which, all but $45, comes from the weekly offerings of the children. At their Easter festival, the various classes presented to the Lord in His sanctuary, the results of their Lenten self-denial, $220; and this is made the beginning of a permanent fund for the "Bishop COBBS' Home for Orphans."

The "Home" has given shelter to twenty-six children during the year. Two have died; some others have been provided for outside of the Home; and the number now in the institution is eighteen. In the limits of this report, I can only say, that the appearance and manners of these children, rescued from misery and degradation, is the best testimony to the blessed effects of christian sympathy and church training.

The Sunday School for colored children has some six teachers and one hundred and twenty pupils. Dr. H. M. SMEAD has, despite many difficulties and discouragements, maintained here what is literally a *work of faith*. The Minister in charge renders such assistance as he can. Arrangements are made by

which it is believed permanent Church services will be maintained for this part of the population.

The gentlemen of the Church have organized an association for the more effectual doing of the Church's work, admitting ladies as auxiliaries; providing Schools, Homes, Hospitals, &c. The Association enters upon its work under the most hopeful auspices. The zeal of the founders has been so tempered by discretion, that its constitution gives the surest prospect of permanent and great success in its various pious enterprises.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. S. M. Bird, Rector.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, 6; colored, infants, 3,.....Total, 15
Confirmations—White, ...14
Marriages—White,.....5
Funerals—White,.....10
Communicants—White, at last report, 70; added, 13; present No.....85
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, white, 113,.....Total, 127
Library Books,.....250
Communions Administered,.....8
Collections—For Parochial Schools and Church purposes generally,...$389 15

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months.

1st, During Lent, daily sunrise services. 2d, Passion Week, two services daily. 3d, Litany services every Wednesday and Friday.

I took charge of St. Paul's Church in November, 1866. The foregoing statistics consequently cover a period of six months. Owing to numerous defects in the Parish Register, and my want of familiarity with the actual condition of affairs ecclesiastical, the above report is necessarily imperfect.

I give the number of actual communicants on Easter Sunday, 1867.

I have omitted, for the present, to report offerings for Diocesan Missions, etc., only giving a gross statement of contributions for the Parish School and general Church purposes. The usual offerings not in connection with the Parish I will endeavor to make up, and report as soon after Convention as possible.

The establishment of a Free School, under the auspices of the Church, is a new feature in the Parish. There are now about fifty children receiving daily instruction in rudimentary English and the Church Catechism. This, however, yet being only an experiment, I forbear further notice.

The Parish has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Isaiah Morgan, for many years a prominent Vestryman of the Church. To the zeal and christian constancy of this good man we owe much of our prosperity.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

May 4th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants, 4; colored, infants, 1,.....Total, 5
Marriages—Colored, ...1
Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,.....Total, 6
Communicants—White, at last report, 22; present No.....22
Communions Administered,.....4
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$60 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

The Church has been repaired, and the grave-yard enclosed with a substantial fence.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

May 6th, 1867.

Baptisms,.....1
Funerals,.....1
Communicants—White, present No.....45

Sunday School—Teachers, 8; scholars, white, 45,.....Total, 53
Communions Administered,.....3
Communion Offerings,.....$37 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 31 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

The congregation is at present put to great inconvenience for the want of a suitable place in which to assemble for public worship. It is hoped, however, that in the course of the year they will be able to build a Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.
May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White,.....5
Marriages,.....2
Funerals,.....5
Communicants—White, added 7; present No.....58
Communions Administered,.....25
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$20 00
Communicants at County Line,.....20

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.
Rev. J. M. Banister, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 7; infants, 21,.....Total, 28
Confirmations—White,.....29
Marriages—White,.....9
Funerals—White,.....6
Communicants—White, at last report, 102; added, 31; died, 2; removed, 16;
Present No.....115
Sunday School—Teachers, 13; scholars, white, 140,.....Total, 153
Communions Administered,.....15
Communion Offerings,.....$102 45
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 61 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 513 76

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. J. M. Curtis, Rector.
May 6th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants, 5; colored, infants, 3,.....Total, 8
Confirmations—White,.....4
Marriages—Colored,.....1
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants—White, at last report, 64; added, 8; died, 1; removed, 25;
Present No.....46
Colored, present No.....8
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 30; colored, 13,.....Total, 48
Library Books,.....18
Communions Administered,.....9
Communion Offerings,.....$ 23 15
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 20 00
Domestic Missions, (Bishop's visitation,)..... 27 20
For Church purposes generally,..... 276 18

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months.

Two services were held daily during Lent; and morning service on all the appointed Festivals of the Church.

Lindisfarne School for boys, established by a former Rector of the Parish, is still successfully continued, and is a valuable auxiliary to the practical work of

the Church. As a quiet Church Home, where boys (removed from the adverse influence of a large town,) are well trained in mathematical and classical studies, and in the quiet and conservative ways of the Church, at a cost not disproportioned to the pecuniary circumstances of the times, the Rector confidently commends this School to the attention of parents.

REPORT OF REV. R. A. COBBS.

The undersigned respectfully reports, that during the last Convention year he has been diligently occupied in the various duties which have devolved upon him as Rector of the "Church Home" School. He is glad to report that, notwithstanding the pressure of the times, the Institution has met with such a measure of favor and patronage, as warrants its originator and friends in the hope that it may now be regarded as successfully established, and fairly entered upon its course of usefulness. And although the religious interest developed among the pupils has not equalled his desires and expectations, yet he trusts that his labors to this end have not been altogether without fruit; especially as more than one-third of the boarding Pupils belong to the various denominations, and have thus been made acquainted with the Church's System of doctrines and worship, and it is hoped have received impressions in its favor which will not be readily effaced.

He would also report that he has officiated on every Sunday, and other important Church Festival Days, chiefly at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, but occasionally at other points.

His official acts have been as follows:

Baptisms—White, infants, 6; colored, 2,.....Total, 8
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,..... " 2
Funerals—White,.....1

The Holy Communion has been administered at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, on the first Sunday in each month.

Offerings at Communion for repairs to Church, $66 80.

R. A. COBBS.

Church Home School, May 7, 1867.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

May 5th, 1867.

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 5,.....Total, 6
Confirmations—White,.....10
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 12,.....Total, 13
Funerals—White, 3; colored, 1,..... " 4
Communicants—White, at last report, 24; added, 10; received into Parish, 3;
Present No.....37
Colored, at last report, 6; present No.....6
Communions Administered,.....8
Communion Offerings, appropriated as Collections.
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$210 00
For Church Home,..... 15 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 50 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector.

May 6th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 90; colored, adults, 1,.....Total, 94
Confirmations—White,.....7
Marriages—White, 47; colored, 2,.....Total, 49
Funerals—White, 57; colored, 1,..... " 58
Communicants—White, at last report, 140; added, 18; died, 3; removed, 3;
Present No.....152

Sunday School—Teachers, 22; scholars, white, 300,.....Total, 322
Library Books,.....about 400
Communions Administered,.....28
Communion Offerings,.....$ 402 95
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 179 20
For Church Home,..... 683 75
For Church purposes generally, (exclusive of Diocesan Assessment,)..... 1,054 10

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

The sums above are exclusive of Rector's support.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Rector.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 9,.....Total, 10
Confirmations—White,.....9
Marriages—White,.....1
Funerals—White,.....5
Communicants—White, at last report, 40; added, 5; died, 2; removed, 3; Present No.....40
Sunday School—Teachers, 2; scholars, white, 15,.....Total, 17
Library Books,.....About 400
Communions Administered,.....18
Communion Offerings,.....$160 45
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 34 65
For Church purposes generally,..... 549 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

St. Michael's School, April 27th, 1867.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:

After the termination of the late war, I found myself in debt, which had been contracted, mainly, in the service of the Church. In consequence of the emancipation of the slaves, I lost my means of support, for St. John's Parish, of which I was the Rector, had been able to maintain a clergyman only in part, and I depended mostly on my own private resources, of which the late war deprived me entirely. The necessity, therefore, of supporting my family and paying my debt, forced me to school-teaching. The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese has given his approbation and encouragement to this undertaking. So far, the school has succeeded well, and I am now resolved to make it permanent, for the conviction is growing upon me, that a Church School is needed in this part of the Diocese. Under God's blessing, it can be made the means of much good, and advance the interest of the Church. It is my prayerful endeavor to make St. Michael's School an institution in which young boys will not be exposed to improper associations, and will be taught thoroughly and conscientiously, and trained in the admonition of the Lord and the ways of Holy Mother Church.

I have ceased to be the Rector of St. John's Parish since I commenced this School, *i. e.* about a year and a half ago. It is impossible to attend to both.

I much regret that the duties of the School are such as not to leave me any time to attend the Convention. I feel this privation keenly on many accounts.

I pray that the Holy Spirit may pour its sanctifying influences upon the deliberations of the Convention; that it may give a new impetus to the dissemination of the blessings of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the fostering of true piety, adorned with gentle christian charities.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
In Christ and His Church,

A. MENÆOS,

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., Mobile.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May 8th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 20; infants, 64,.....84
Confirmations—White,.....40
Marriages—White, 37; colored, 6,.....Total, 43
Funerals—White,.....54
Communicants—White, at last report, 290; added, 35; died, 7; removed, 7;
Present No.....311
Sunday School—Teachers, 25; scholars, white, 206,.....Total, 231
Library Books,.....323
Communions Administered, (10 in private, 12 in public,).....22
Communion Offerings,.....$490 70
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 101 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 200 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.

May 2d, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; children, 2,.....Total, 5
Confirmations—White,.....9
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1,.....Total, 2
Funerals—White,.....2
Communicants—White, at last report, 15; added, 10; present No.....25
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 40.....Total, 46
Library Books,.....100
Communions Administered,.....8
Communion Offerings,.....$52 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 8 00
Domestic Missions, from children of Sunday School,..... 7 75
For Church purposes generally,..... 17 65

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

OPELIKA MISSION.—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Missionary.

May 2d, 1867.

Baptisms—White, children and infants,.....14
Colored, children and infants,.....7
Confirmations—White,.....10
Communicants—White, present No.....65
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, white, 15,.....Total, 19
Communions Administered,.....16
Communion Offerings,.....$116 80
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 2 00
For Church purposes generally,..... 713 30

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 2d, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....2
Marriages—Colored,.....1
Communicants—White, at last report, 10; removed, 1; present No.....9
Communions Administered,.....4
Communion Offerings,.....$11 25

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.

Rev. JAS. F. SMITH, Temporary Rector.

May 3d, 1867.

Baptisms—Colored, infants,.....10
Confirmations—White, 4; colored, 4,.....Total, 8
Marriages—Colored,.....2
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants—White, at last report, 17; added, 3; died, 1; removed, 4; Present No.....15
Colored, at last report, 3; added, 4; present No.....7
Communions Administered,.....5
Communion Offerings,.....$33 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 9 40

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, two months.

The undersigned, at the request of the Bishop, has taken temporary charge of this Parish, devoting to it one Sunday in the month. Rev. J. C. WADDILL officiated until about the first of January last. This report includes what has been done in the Parish by the Rev. J. C. WADDILL since the last Convention, as well as that done by myself.

SNOWDOUN MISSION, MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Rev. JAS. F. SMITH, Officiating.

May 3d, 1867.

I have been officiating at this place since the latter part of 1865. Since that time there has been one person confirmed; one adult baptised, (who is now a candidate for confirmation,) and one infant. There are connected with this station four or five communicants. And although the report would not indicate much encouragement, yet there is a good prospect of building up a parish here in time to come, provided the necessary labor and zeal could be bestowed. The collection here for Diocesan Missions was $3 60.

FLORENCE MISSION.—Rev. J. B. GRAY, Missionary.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....2
Confirmations—White,.....6
Funerals—White,.....1
Communicants—White, at time of assuming Mission, 14; added, 6; present No.....20
Communions Administered,.....6
Communion Offerings,.....$24 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 15 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, thirteen months.

TUSCUMBIA MISSION.—Rev. J. B. GRAY, Missionary.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 20,.....Total, 25
Confirmations—White,.....12
Marriages—White,.....2
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants—White, at the time of my assuming the duties of the Mission, 14; added, 16: died, 1; present No.....19
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, white, 25,.....Total, 28
Communions Administered,.....6
Communion Offerings,.....$16 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 18 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, thirteen months.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES CO.—Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Rector.
January 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 6,.....Total, 7
Confirmations—White,.....8
Marriages—Colored,.....4
Funerals—White,.....4
Communicants—White, at last report, 19; added, 2; died, 2; removed, 9;
Present No.....10
Communions Administered, (one in private,).....4
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$10 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eight months.

This Parish is greatly weakened by removals, and has suffered severely by the death of JOHN ADAMS. He was a vestryman, and identified with the interests of the Parish from its organization. I resigned its charge in January.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.—Rev. J. COOPER WADDILL, Rector.
May 8th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 5,.....Total, 7
Confirmations—White,.....15
Marriages—White,.....2
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants—White, at last report, 33; added, 16; died, 2; removed, 10;
Present No.....34
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 20,.....Total, 25
Library Books,.....120
Communions Administered,.....3
Communion Offerings,.....$6 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 8 10

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, three and a half months.

I took charge of the Parish 13th January, and officiated three Sundays in the month. Owing to this Parish being without any Rector for two years, no report has been made. Four of the baptisms were performed by the Bishop at his last visitation.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.—Rev. J. COOPER WADDILL, Rector.
May 8th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....2
Marriages—Colored,.....1
Communicants—White, in the County elsewhere, as reported at last Convention,.....27
Colored, at last report, 2; removed, 1; present No.....1
Communions Administered;.....1
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$5 25

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, three and a half months.

I returned to this, my former field of labor, in January, and officiated once a month.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.
May, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 4; colored, infants, 5,.....Total, 11
Confirmations—White,.....8
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 3,.....Total, 4
Communicants—White, at last report, 19; added, 3; removed, 1: present No. 21
Communions Administered, (one in private,).....11
Communion Offerings,.....$32 60
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 45 45

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

I am indebted to this Parish mostly, with some assistance from St. Stephen's Mission, for a present of a Horse. Service in this Parish 2d and 4th Sundays. An earnest-minded Church lady, and a member of this Parish, has just presented to it a beautiful Communion Service and Baptismal Font.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Missionary.

May, 1867.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....1
Confirmations—White,.....10
Marriages—White,.....2
Funerals—White,.....2
Communicants—White, at last report, 25; added, 10; removed, 7; present No. 28
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 17,.....Total, 22
Communions Administered,.....11
Communion Offerings,.....$105 55
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 38 35
For Church purposes generally,..... 102 60

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

Service in the Mission, 1st and 3d Sundays. This Mission received its largest support from young men not members of the Church.

ST. MARY'S MISSION, MOBILE.

May 9th, 1867.

Right Reverend Father:

Respecting the Mission at this point, I have to report ten months' hard work, in a small field, in the midst of discouragements, yet not without indications of future success.

I have officiated every Sunday two or three times; have administered Holy Communion nine times; have baptised five children; and three persons have been confirmed. I have also performed other duties of various kinds which could not well be mentioned in this report.

The High School department of the "Wilmer Institute" was opened here in the beginning of last January, and has been, so far, a marked success. It is our desire and hope that, at no distant day, this Institution may become a blessing to the Diocese.

ROBERT JOPE, Missionary.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.—Rev. JAS. S. JARRATT, Rector.

May 9th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 7; infants, 8; colored, infants, 3,.....Total, 18
Confirmations—White,.....7
Marriages—White,.....1
Funerals—White, 8; colored, 1,.....Total, 9
Communicants—White, at last report, 30; added, 19; removed, 9; present No. 40
Colored, at last report, 2; present No.....2
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, white, 44; colored, 102,.....Total, 155
Library Books,.....60
Communions Administered, (one in private,).....9
Communion Offerings,.....$ 64 43
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 16 45
For Church purposes generally,.....About 900 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

I have nothing worthy of remark to add to the above report, except that I have a class for confirmation, and a free school taught by a communicant of

the Church, under the superintendence of the Rector, where forty-three indigent children daily receive religious instruction according to the teachings of the Church.

WHISTLER MISSION.—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.

May 9th, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 23.....Total, 26
Confirmations—White, ...16
Marriages—White, ...2
Funerals—White,.....6
Communicants—White, removed, 1; present No.....26
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 35,.....Total, 40
Library Books,.....215
Communions Administered,.....1
Collections—For Church purposes generally,.....$1,260 58

The erection of a Church edifice has been in contemplation for the last ten months; the lumber has been procured, but, owing to the want of funds, it has not been put up; in the meantime much of the lumber has been stolen, and unless we receive some aid from other sources, our efforts in erecting an edifice will prove a failure. I append a letter from the treasurer of the building committee, containing fuller particulars. The Missionary has also established a Reading-Room for the young men. This establishment has now been in successful operation for six months, and is doing a good work for the Church. The Library attached to the Reading-Room numbers now about four hundred volumes, and will form the nucleus of a future well selected Parish Library.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

May 1st, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3,.....Total, 4
Confirmations—White, ...7
Communicants—White, at last report, 14; added, 2; present No.....16
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, white, 25,.....Total, 30

JNO. D. HOKE, Warden.

DECATUR MISSION.—Rev. J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary.

March, 1867.

Baptisms—White, adults,.....4
Confirmations—White,.....5
Communicants—White,.....8
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, white, 45,.....Total, 51
Library Books,.....400
Communions Administered,.....8

This Parish is of quite recent date, and is owing to the active zeal of a layman and his family, who moved here little more than a year since. He organized a Sunday School, which is held in a room in his house, fitted up for the purpose, and where Divine Services are also held. The Rev. Mr. BANISTER, of Huntsville, officiated for them till Bishop WILMER directed me to take charge of it. All that is needed to establish the Church finally here is a Church building. The people of this place were ruined by the war, only four houses being left standing. If any community needs help in religious matters, it is most evidently this of Decatur.

On motion, said Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. R. JOPE appeared and took his seat in the Convention.

On motion, Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock Friday morning.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE,
Friday, May 10th, 1867.

The Convention met at 9 A. M. this morning, and, after Prayers, was called to order by the Bishop.

The Roll was then called, and the minutes of the preceding day read and approved.

Mr. GEORGE CLEVELAND requested to be excused from serving on the Committee on Finance, and Mr. F. B. CLARK was appointed in his stead.

The Bishop then read a letter from the Rt. Rev. W. M. GREEN, D. D., Chancellor of the University of the South, in reference to certain matters of interest connected with that Institution.

On motion, this letter was referred to a special committee of one Clergyman and one Layman, with the Bishop as Chairman. Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and Mr. SMEAD were appointed said committee.

The Treasurer of the Diocese then presented his Annual Reports.

R. A. COBBS, *as Treasurer,*

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1866.	*Dr.*	
To Cash from	St. Paul's Church, Selma,	$220 00
" "	St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	11 00
" "	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	15 00
" "	St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	7 50
" "	Church Holy Cross, Uniontown,	100 00
" "	Trinity Church, Demopolis,	190 00
" "	St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	165 00
" "	St. Mary's Church, Camden,	24 00
" "	St. Mark's Church, Greene County,	44 00
" "	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	55 10
" "	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	660 00
" "	Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery,	27 50
" "	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	330 00
" "	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	55 50
" "	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	24 00
" "	Christ Church, Mobile,	770 00
" "	Trinity Church, Mobile,	300 00
" "	St. John's Church, Mobile,	220 00
" "	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	55 00
" "	St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	110 00
" "	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	100 00
" "	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	50 00
		$3,533 60

1866.	*Cr.*	
By 10 per cent. off for Contingent Fund,		$ 347 96
By Cash paid	balance due Rev. Mr. Hanson, late Treasurer,	11 00
" "	Bishop Wilmer on account of Salary, due May, 1866,	2,719 66
" "	Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs on account of Annuity, due 1866.	454 98
		$3,533 60

E. & O. E.

Mobile, May 7th, 1867. R. A. COBBS, Treasurer.

R. A. COBBS, *as Treasurer*,

In account with the CONTINGENT FUND, *Diocese of Alabama.*

1866. *Dr.*

To amount of said Fund collected,.....$347 96

1866. *Cr.*

By Cash paid Farrow & Dennett for printing Journals, &c.,.....$320 96
" " Express Freight on Journals of General Convention,.... 18 00
" " Postage, &c.,..... 9 00

E. & O. E. $347 96

Mobile, May 7th, 1867. R. A. COBBS, Treasurer.

On motion, these Reports were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and also that of the Treasurer of said Fund were then presented.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund present herewith the report of the Treasurer, from which it will be seen that the only change in the condition of the Fund since last year's report, is the addition of $127 53 to the Permanent Fund, this being the entire amount received during the year.

The Trustees believe the Bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Rivers Railroad Company will eventually prove good. This Company now offers to give new Bonds for those past due, with the accumulated interest; and by acceding to this arrangement, the Fund would probably sooner realize an income from these Bonds, than by continuing to hold the old ones. The Trustees have not felt willing to make the change in the Bonds without authority from the Convention. In regard to the Bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of Florida, the Trustees would state, that there has been a meeting of the holders of the first Mortgage Bonds of this Company, held in New York, at which a large majority of the Bonds were represented, and that the meeting agreed to receive in settlement of these Bonds, new Bonds of the Company for two-thirds of the amount, when satisfied that by so doing it would enable the Company to complete the Road, and thus make the new Bonds good. It may be for the interest of the Fund that the Trustees should be authorized to unite in this arrangement.

The last Convention required reports to be made from the different Parishes in regard to the value of the Notes held by the Trustees, given in aid of this Fund. If these reports are generally made, it will enable the Convention to judge as to the value of that part of the Fund represented by these Notes; and we would suggest that the Trustees be authorized to drop from their account all such Notes as are reported as certainly worthless.

As the loss by Confederate securities is ascertained and undoubted we would ask that the Trustees be authorized to deduct two-fifths of this loss from the Permanent Fund, and three-fifths from the Special Fund, the amount of cash received by the Trustees from each Fund bearing about this proportion to the whole, viz:

Amount received on account of Permanent Fund to 1st May, 1864,..$ 9,632 00
Amount received on account of Special Fund to 1st May, 1864,.... 15,041 00

Respectfully submitted,

SAM'L G. JONES,
A. R. BELL,
JOSIAH MORRIS,
Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, Diocese of Ala.

Montgomery, May 1st, 1867.

Treasurer's Report of the condition of the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese of Alabama, May 1st, 1867.

Amount of Permanent Fund reported May 1st, 1866.....	$9,632 72	
Interest received on D. Minge's two Notes to May, 1866,.	108 16	
Interest received on amount of Cash in hands Treasurer,	19 37—	$ 9,760 25
Special Fund, (same as last reported).....		23,886 80
		$33,647 05
Deduct Amount Confederate securities as reported to last Convention,.....		8,424 62
Whole amount of both Funds,.....		$25,222 43
Which consists as follows:		
Notes of individuals for loans made by Trustees,.....	$3,031 06	
7 Bonds Ala. and Miss. Rivers R. R. Co. for $500 each,..	3,500 00	
10 Bonds Ala. and Fla. R. R. Co. of Fla. for $500 each,.	5,000 00	
2 Notes of Trustees of Hamner Hall.....	4,968 18	
Notes of individuals in the various Parishes given in aid of the Special Fund,.....	8,461 66	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	261 53—	$25,222 43

A. R. BELL,
Montgomery, May 1st, 1867. Treasurer Bishop's Fund, Diocese of Ala.

On motion, these Reports were likewise referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report, that they find in the Journal of 1864 the following resolutions, upon which action was to be taken at the ensuing Convention:

Resolved, That the consideration of the proposed amendment to Canon III, be postponed till the next meeting of the Council.

The proposed amendment referred to in said resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That the 1st Section of Canon III, (now Section 2 of Canon I,) be amended by striking out the word "Parishioners," and substituting the word "Communicants."

In the Journal of 1865 they find the following:

On motion, it was resolved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the Act of Incorporation for Church Homes, &c., together with that Act itself, be referred to a Committee of three, with instructions to report to the next meeting of this Council. Messrs. A. BENNERS, W. P. BOCOCK and R. B. WALLER, were appointed as said Committee.

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and the Committee discharged.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourns to meet in Christ Church, Mobile, on the Second Wednesday in May, 1868.

It was then moved to amend the above by substituting St. Paul's Church, Selma, as the place of meeting, which amendment was lost.

A motion was then made to amend the resolution by dividing it so as simply to fix the *time* of the next meeting for the Second Wednesday in May, 1868, which motion was carried.

It was then moved to amend the resolution by substituting the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, for Christ Church, Mobile, as the place of meeting, which amendment was lost.

A request to that effect having been made by two Clergymen, the vote on the

original was then taken by Orders, which resulted in appointing Christ Church, Mobile, as the place for the next meeting of this Convention.

Pending the discussion upon the resolution, the Rev. J. S. JARRATT and the Rev. J. E. POINDEXTER appeared and took their seats.

An application for union with the Convention was here presented from Emmanuel Church, Opelika, Lee County. The Articles of Association agreed to by them were read, and having been found to be in due form, the Parish was, on motion, admitted into union with the Convention.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to enquire into the expediency of making such a change in the Constitution of the Diocese that none but Presbyters shall be entitled to vote in the Convention as representatives of the Clerical Order.

The Rector of Hamner Hall then made a verbal report in regard to that Institution, and in reference to an auxiliary association for general Church work, recently organized in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for the purpose of attending Divine Service.

Immediately after the conclusion of Divine Service, the Convention was again called to order by the Bishop.

The report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund was then presented, and, on motion, referred for examination to the following committee: Rev. J. F. SMITH and Rev. R. H. COBBS.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,
In account with the Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1866.			*Dr.*	
May 10—	To Cash from		St. John's Church, Montgomery,	$237 30
"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	189 60
"	"	"	St. John's Church, Mobile,	180 00
"	"	"	Christ Church, Mobile,	197 60
"	"	"	Trinity Church, Mobile,	101 00
"	"	"	St. Mary's Church, Summerville,	19 50
"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	33 25
"	"	"	St. Andrew's Church, Marengo County,	25 60
"	"	"	St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	210 00
"	"	"	Trinity Church, Demopolis,	34 80
"	"	"	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	38 60
"	"	"	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	93 25
"	"	"	Trinity Church, Florence,	15 00
"	"	"	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	58 60
"	"	"	St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	23 30
"	"	"	St. David's Church, Dallas County,	13 35
"	"	"	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	27 20
"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Selma,	110 00
"	"	"	St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,	10 50
"	"	"	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	16 40
"	"	"	St. John's Church, Elyton,	6 00
"	"	"	St. James' Church, Livingston,	8 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	9 70
"	"	"	Snowden Mission, Montgomery County,	3 60
"	"	"	Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	5 25
"	"	"	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	20 00
				$1,686 80

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1866—May 16—	By Cash Bishop	Wilmer's	Draft	for Rev. J. M. R.....	$100 00
1867—Jan. 11—	"	"	"	for advances,.....	75 00
Feb. 16—	"	"	"	for Rev. B. F. M.....	100 00
Mch. 3—	"	"	"	for Rev. F. W. D.....	100 00
Apr. 12—	"	"	"	for advances,.....	293 60
Apr. 30—	"	"	"	for advances,.....	50 00
May 4—	"	"	"	for advances,.....	80 35
May 4—	"	"	"	for advances,.....	481 55
May 7—	"	"	"	for Rev. R. J.....	19 50
					$1,300 00
By Balance,.....					386 80
					$1,686 80

JOSEPH W. FIELD,
Treasurer D. M. S. Ala.

Mobile, May 10th, 1867.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President to draft Articles for the Organization of Parishes instead of those Articles now in use, and to report to the next Convention. Rev. Dr. PIERCE, Mr. F. B. CLARK and Mr. JAMES BOND were appointed said Committee.

The following resolution was then offered:

Resolved, That the Salary of the Bishop shall, until a permanent endowment be provided, be drawn from the fund for Diocesan Missions.

After some considerable discussion, the following was offered as a substitute:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be directed to raise the Bishop's Salary by an assessment at the rate of three dollars on each communicant, and that when there is a deficiency, it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to divide the deficit among the several Parishes, pro rata, and to require each to send to the Treasurer the amount thus assessed.

Pending the discussion upon this resolution, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE,
Saturday, May 11th, 9 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and after Prayers, was called to order by the Bishop. The Roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

The Rev. J. H. MEILI appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop then read a letter from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, in reference to the proposed meeting of Bishops belonging to the Anglican Communion, which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee of one Clergyman and two Laymen. The Rev. Mr. BANISTER, and Messrs. SCHROEDER and HODGSON were subsequently appointed as said Committee.

On motion, the further consideration of the resolutions introduced yesterday, in reference to the mode of collecting the Bishop's Salary, was indefinitely postponed.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund; the Treasurer's report of the condition of the Bishop's Fund of the Diocese on the 1st of May, 1867; the account of R. A. COBBS as

Treasurer of the Diocese to 7th May, 1867; and the account of the same officer showing the receipts and disbursements of the Contingent Fund up to 7th May, 1867, have examined the same and found the accounts correctly stated.

The Fund known as "the Bishop's Fund" was intended, originally, to be raised and invested, and the investments from time to time increased till the interest upon the investments would yield an adequate annual salary for the support of the Bishop of the Diocese. A part of the sum raised was invested in securities, now valueless; a part now consists in the unpaid notes of individuals for portions of the Fund loaned by the Trustees; a part in the Bonds of the Selma and Meridian Railroad Company; a part in the Bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of Florida; a part in the notes of individuals given in aid of the Fund and remaining unpaid; a part in the notes of the Trustees of Hamner Hall, and in the small balance of $261 33 in money in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Bonds of the Selma and Meridian Railroad Company, amounting to $3,500, are considered good, and the Committee recommend that the Trustees of the Fund be instructed to collect the interest now due on these Bonds, and invest the same in the Sterling Bonds of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad Company at their present market value.

The Bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of Florida, are understood to be at a heavy discount. The Committee recommend that the Trustees, in regard to these Bonds, be invested with discretionary authority to adjust, compromise and settle the same in such mode as they may deem best.

As to the several notes due to the Fund, the Committee recommend that the Trustees be authorized and requested to collect the same, with the interest due thereon, in all cases where collections can be made without serious inconvenience or sacrifice to debtors; and where collections cannot be made, that they be requested to cause the note to be renewed, with such security as can be obtained, to the end that the Fund may be invested in some security more convenient and available than individual notes of persons residing in remote places.

The Committee further recommend, that the Trustees be authorized to drop from their accounts the paper and securities held by them and which may be found to be entirely valueless, and that in doing so they deduct the loss from the particular fund to which such valueless paper may belong.

It will be seen from what has been stated of the condition of the "Bishop's Fund," that but little reliance can be placed upon it at present to aid in supplying his annual salary. Other means have to be provided, and the only one which can now avail is a resort to the several Parishes in the Diocese.

The Committee are not advised of any fixed rule which has governed former Conventions in making assessments, and they consider it proper now that some uniform and just rule should be adopted. No one could desire or expect to receive aid in defraying the necessary expenses of the Church from members or persons unable to pay, but in ascertaining what ought to be contributed by each Parish, reference may well be made to the number of members of the Church in each. While some individual communicants may be unable to contribute, it will be found that others, not communicants, but occupying the position of members of the congregation, will be able and willing to contribute, so that an assessment to the extent of three dollars for each communicant in the Diocese would raise an amount sufficient to pay the annual salary of the Bishop. The Committee recommend that an assessment be made upon each Parish to the extent of three dollars for each communicant in such Parish, and that the number of communicants be furnished to the Vestry of each Parish by the Pastor thereof.

F. S. LYON, Chairman.

W. T. WALTHALL, a Lay Deputy from St. John's Church, Mobile, appeared and took his seat.

It was then moved to strike out the recommendation of the Finance Committee as to the mode of raising the Bishop's Salary, and *substitute*, which was carried. The report as thus amended was then accepted.

Sundry resolutions, having in view the most satisfactory method of raising the Bishop's Salary, were then introduced, and discussed at some length, when, on motion, they were referred to a Special Committee to consult and devise the most practicable method of accomplishing the desired end. Rev. Mr. TICKNOR, and Messrs. WALTHALL and HERR were subsequently appointed as said Committee.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church desire to express their gratification at the condition and prospects of the Church in this Diocese, as developed in the reports of the Bishop and of the several Parishes. The number of baptisms and confirmations is larger than ever before; the spirit of liberality in the support of all Church enterprises, notwithstanding the calamitous state of pecuniary affairs, has never been greater; a growing appreciation of the sober and devout spirit of the Church, on the part of those hitherto unacquainted with it, is everywhere manifested; and the establishment of many new parishes is only hindered by the want of men to carry on the work.

The Committee note with great pleasure the increase of Church Schools throughout the Diocese. Without going into details, they would mention, with especial commendation, the Wilmer Institute for boys, and the Church Home School for girls, established near Mobile, under the immediate supervision of the Bishop. The condition of Hamner Hall, in Montgomery, under the direction of Prof. H. P. LEFEBVRE, while suffering from the general depression of pecuniary interests throughout the South, is otherwise highly encouraging, and the Institution is commended to Churchmen as every way worthy of their confidence and patronage. The Church Home for Orphans, removed to this point from Tuskaloosa, is a most gratifying evidence of the ability and willingness of the Church to do its work in the care of the destitute. Especial thanks are due to the citizens Mobile, and particularly to the Parish of St. John's, for the great liberality displayed, under such trying circumstances, towards this noble work of charity.

The Committee have to regret an almost total interruption of the work of the Church among the colored people, due to causes over which the Church has no control. They express the hope, that the attitude which the Church has ever held toward this class of our population, will ere long be recognized by the return of these people to the old paths. The Committee note with pleasure the admission of a colored man as a candidate for Holy Orders, and express the hope that many more of this class will be found to labor in the work of the ministry among their brethren.

The Committee have carefully considered the Parochial Reports, and find the numbers actually reported as follows:

Baptisms,	470
Confirmations, reported by the Bishop,	838
reported by Parishes,	250
Communicants,	1,980
Marriages,	182
Funerals,	171

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury's Letter, made the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE LETTER OF THE ARCH-BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

The Special Committee, to which has been referred the letter of the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury in relation to the Pan-Anglican Conference, would respectfully report, that they have taken the same under consideration, and recommend that the letter of His Grace be entered upon the Journal of this Convention for the information of the Diocese. It is the earnest hope of this

Committee that the Bishop of this Diocese may be present at this most important Council; and to secure this very desirable object, the Committee recommend that the Clergy and Lay Delegates of this Convention use all their efforts to procure the sum of not less than one thousand dollars to defray the necessary expenses of his visit.

J. M. BANISTER,
H. A. SCHROEDER, } Committee.
JOSEPH HODGSON,

LAMBETH PALACE,
February 22d, 1867.

Right Reverend and Dear Brother:

I request your presence at a meeting of the Bishops in visible communion with the United Church of England and Ireland, proposed, God willing, to be holden at Lambeth, under my presidency, on the 24th of September next, and the three following days.

The circumstances under which I have resolved to issue the present invitations, are these: the Metropolitan and Bishops of Canada last year addressed to the two Houses of the Convocation of Canterbury the expression of their desire that I should be moved to invite the Bishops of our Indian and Colonial Episcopate to meet myself and the Home Bishops for brotherly communion and conference. The consequence of that appeal has been that both Houses of the Convocation of my province have addressed to me their dutiful request that I would invite the attendance, not only of our own Home and Colonial Bishops, but of all who are avowedly in communion with our Church. The same request was unanimously preferred to me at a numerous gathering of English, Irish and Colonial Arch-Bishops and Bishops recently assembled at Lambeth, at which, I rejoice to record it, we had the counsel and concurrence of an eminent Bishop of the Church in the United States of America, the Bishop of Illinois.

Moved by these requests, and by the expressed concurrence therein of other members, both of the Home and Colonial Episcopate, who could not be present at our meeting, I have now resolved, not I humbly trust without the guidance of God the Holy Ghost, to grant this grave request, and call together the meeting thus earnestly desired. I greatly hope that you may be able to attend it, and to aid us with your presence and brotherly counsel thereat.

I propose that on our assembling we should first solemnly seek the blessing of Almighty God at our gathering, by uniting together in the highest acts of the Church's worship. After this, brotherly consultations will follow. In these we may consider together many practical questions, the settlement of which would tend to the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, and to the maintenance of greater union in our Missionary work, and to increased inter-communion among ourselves.

Such a meeting would not be competent to make declarations, or lay down definitions on points of doctrine. But united worship and common counsels would greatly tend to maintain, practically, the unity of the Faith, whilst they would bind us in stronger bonds of peace and brotherly charity.

I shall gladly receive from you a list of any subjects you may wish to suggest to me for consideration and discussion. Should you be unable to attend and desire to commission any brother Bishop to speak for you, I shall welcome him as your representative in our united deliberations.

But I must once more express my earnest hope that on this solemn occasion I may have the great advantage of your personal presence.

And now, I commend this proposed meeting to your fervent prayers, and humbly beseeching the blessing of Almighty God on yourself and your Diocese, I subscribe myself,

Your faithful brother in the Lord,

C. T. CANTUAR.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Fund, beg leave to report that they have examined the same and find everything correct.

J. F. SMITH,
R. H. COBBS.

Messrs. S. G. JONES, A. R. BELL and JOSIAH MORRIS, were then elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Rev. J. M. MITCHELL was then elected a Trustee of Hamner Hall.

A. R. BELL was then elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

J. W. FIELD was then elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER and Messrs. C. T. POLLARD and W. G. JONES were then elected Trustees of the University of the South.

A. R. BELL was also elected as Treasurer of the University of the South for the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., H. N. PIERCE, D. D., and F. B. LEE, were then elected as members of the Board of Preliminary Enquiry.

The Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, MITCHELL and EASTER were then elected members of the Ecclesiastical Court.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to have printed five hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention, together with the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese.

The Committee on Canons made the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the question as to the qualifications of the clerical members of the Diocesan Convention, beg leave to report, that they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend, as the result of their examination of the subject, that the proviso to Article III of the Constitution be so amended as to read as follows, namely: "*Provided*, that "no clerical member shall be entitled to *vote* in the Convention unless he is a "Presbyter, and shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preced-"ing. The Laymen shall consist of any number of deputies, not exceeding "five, from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within "the same."

H. N. PIERCE, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received, the resolution adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The following was then adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be tendered to the Rectors and Congregations of the Parishes in Mobile for their hospitality to the members of this body.

The Special Committee to whom were referred the various resolutions having reference to the best method of raising the Bishop's Salary, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1*st*. That for the purpose of raising funds for the payment of the Annuity to Mrs. Cobbs, of the Bishop's Salary for the ensuing year, for Diocesan Missions and Diocesan purposes generally, the Secretary of this Convention be directed to address circular letters to the several Parishes, informing them that this Convention has determined that such funds be raised by voluntary offerings; and that the Clergy are hereby instructed to inform their respective charges of the personal views and preferences of the Bishop on this subject.

Resolved, 2*d*. That the offerings for Diocesan Missions shall be distinct from those made for the support of the Episcopate and other Diocesan purposes; that the former shall be forwarded quarterly to the Treasurer of the Diocesan

Missionary Fund; and the latter, also quarterly, to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be applied by him to the proper purposes.

Resolved, 3d. That the Clergy of the respective Parishes be left to adopt such plans as in their judgment will best accomplish the design of these resolutions.

On motion, these resolutions were adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the letter from the Chancellor of the University of the South, made the following report, which was adopted and the Committee discharged:

The Committee to which was referred the letter from the Rt. Rev. the Chancellor of the University of the South, report: that while this Convention fully appreciate the importance of the proposition made in that communication, and the kindness of the Rt. Rev. the Chancellor in so promptly presenting it, it deeply regrets its inability to take any action in that regard under existing circumstances.

Resolved, That the letter be spread upon the Journal, and that the attention of Parishes and of individuals desiring to provide for the education of Candidates for Orders be called to the same.

J. H. TICKNOR, Chairman.

UNIVERSITY PLACE, TENN.,
April 8th, 1867.

Dear Bishop:

At the recent meeting of the Trustees of the University of the South, held at Montgomery, it will be recollected, by those who were present, that the building known as the Otey Hall, erected for Sewanee Training and Theological School at this place, was transferred to the Board by the Bishop of Tennessee upon the condition that it was to be appropriated to the purposes for which it was erected. It was also announced by Bishop QUINTARD that one Professor was already there in charge of several Divinity Students of his own Diocese, and that his salary would continue to be provided by the Diocese of Tennessee.

By this arrangement, an opportunity is thus afforded to carry on at once a Training School and Theological Department for the instruction of young men looking forward to the ministry, from all the Dioceses unprovided with Theological Schools of their own.

Otey Hall affords an excellent nucleus for the extension of this department to meet the demands of a considerable number of Students and Candidates for Orders. The only additional expense to be incurred will be for the salary of another Professor, to be raised by a joint contribution, and the providing for the board of such Students as may be sent from any Diocese, which, inclusive of washing and lodging, will not exceed twenty dollars per month. Twenty Students might be accommodated this summer.

It is unnecessary to enlarge upon the superior advantages and economy of one central and healthfully located Training and Theological School over a number of smaller ones. One group of buildings, one faculty, one library, and the advantages of a connection with the University, and, consequently, frequent visits from the Bishops, who could become Lecturers, as also Clergymen of distinguished abilities. One Institution would, moreover, with greater certainty receive the alms and benefactions of the Church, as is shown in the case of Nashotah.

The designation of the Professors would rest with the Bishops, who are ex-officio Trustees of the University.

It is no small advantage that the School is already in operation, and will be ready in a few weeks to receive more Students.

I have thought it advisable to bring this matter to your attention in order that the subject may engage the attention of the Convention soon to be held.

Yours, faithfully,
W. M. GREEN, Chancellor
of the University of the South.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER. D. D., Bishop of Alabama.

The following preamble and resolutions were then adopted:

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that no small number of Communicants of the Church, residing at a distance from any organized Parish, are unknown to the Church:

Resolved, 1*st*. That these Communicants be requested to report themselves to the nearest Clergyman in charge of a Parish, or to the Missionary most accessible; and that the Bishop publish this request in such manner as he may deem best.

Resolved, 2*d*. That such Communicants be registered by the nearest Rector or Missionary.

The following was then adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of four, to consist of an equal number of Clergy and Laymen, be appointed to consider the best and most equitable mode of raising money to pay the Bishop's Salary and other charges upon the Diocese, and to report to the next Convention.

Rev. Drs. MASSEY and WILMER, and Messrs. F. B. CLARK and W. G. JONES, were then appointed as said Committee.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Church Paper in this Diocese made the following report, which was accepted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of establishing a Church Paper in the Diocese of Alabama, respectfully report: that in their opinion the publication of a Church Journal within the limits of this Diocese, would prove a valuable and important auxiliary in promoting the advancement of the Church, and that such a journal should be established as early as practicable. The Committee recommend that the Rectors of the various Parishes be requested to ascertain, and report to the Bishop at an early day, the circulation which can be obtained in their respective Parishes for a weekly Church Paper; and should the number be found sufficient to warrant the undertaking, that the Bishop be requested to make such arrangements as he may deem best calculated to put the same into practical execution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

On motion, the consideration of the matters referred to in the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, was postponed until the next Convention.

A motion was then made and carried, to adjourn *sine die*, whereupon, after uniting in the Gloria in Excelsis, and Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned.

R. H. WILMER, President.

R. A. COBBS, Secretary.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply impressed with the importance of the Christian religion, and earnestly desiring to promote its holy influence in the hearts and lives of ourselves, our families, and our neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name and style and title of the Parish of ——Church, ——, —— County, and State of Alabama, and by so doing adopt the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.

Agreeable to Canon XI, 1850, we certify to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, that the above recited articles of Association have been duly signed by the members of the Parish of——— Church,———.

CERTIFICATE OF DELEGATES.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of——Church, held on——day of——, A, B, and C, were duly elected Lay Delegates to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, to be holden on the——day of——, in the year of our Lord——.—[*Canon V.*

FORM OF PAROCHIAL REPORT.

————Parish. ————Rector. ————Date.

Baptisms—White, adults, —; infants, —;.....Total, —
" Colored, adults, —; infants, —;..... " —
Confirmations—White, —; colored, —;..... " —
Marriages—White, —; colored, —;..... " —
Funerals—White, —; colored, —;..... " —
Communicants—
White, at last report,—; added,—; died,—removed,—; pres't No.....—
Colored, at last report,—; added,—; died,—; removed,—; pres't No..—
Sunday School—Teachers, —; scholars, white, —; colored, —;.....Total, —
Library Books.....—
Communions Administered .....—
Communion Offerings.....—
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....—
" Domestic " .....—
" Foreign " .....—
" For Parochial Schools,.....—
" For Church purposes generally.....—
Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last —
report,.....—months.
REMARKS—

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution. Preamble.

ART. 1. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America. Authority of P. E. Ch. of United States recognized.

ART. II. There shall be an annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same. Annual Convention to be held.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergyman in Ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof, or being a president, professor or tutor, in some institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry, on account of age or infirm health, or a chaplain in the army or navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention: *Provided*, That no clerical member shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceeding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Deputies, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof, from the Church within the same. Of whom Convention composed. Proviso.

ART. IV. Four members of the clerical order, and the representations of four Parishes, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn. What constitute a quorum.

ART. V. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President, *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge to be conducive to the good of the Church, but shall not enter into debate; and he may deliver his sentiments on any subject, after it has been dis- Bishop to preside. His authority in Convention.

Further power.

cussed, before a vote thereon. He may call *special* Conventions at whatever times and places he may think necessary. In case of a vacancy in the Episcopal office, this power shall be exercised by the Standing Committee.

Secretary of Convention and his duty.

ART. VI. A Secretary shall be chosen at each annual meeting of the Convention, who shall remain in office until the next election of a Secretary. His duty shall be to make minutes of their proceedings, to preserve their journals and records, to attest the public accounts of the body, and faithfully to deliver into the hands of his successor all books and papers relative to the concerns of the Convention which may be in his possession.

Clergy and Laity to deliberate together, but may be required to vote separately.

ART. VII. In Convention the Clergy and Laity shall deliberate and vote as one body. But if it be required by two Clergymen, or the representations of two Parishes, the two orders shall vote separately, in which case each clergyman shall cast one vote, and the representation of each Parish one vote, and a majority of the votes of each order, thus cast, shall be decisive. In electing a Bishop, the laity shall vote by Parishes as herein provided.

Bishop, how elected.

ART. VIII. The election of a Bishop shall be made in Convention, in the following manner: The Clergy shall nominate by ballot some fit and qualified Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, for that office, the votes of a majority of that order being necessary to constitute a choice. Such nomination shall be communicated to the lay deputies, and be considered by them; and if on a ballot it shall appear that the person so nominated is approved by a majority of the Parishes represented, he shall be then declared by the President of the Convention duly elected.

Standing Committee, by whom formed.

ART. IX. The Standing Committee, consisting of not more than three clergymen and three laymen, shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Convention. Vacancies in the Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members. A majority shall constitute a quorum.

Convention, how opened.

ART. X. Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, a Sermon, and the administration of the Holy Communion—the preacher to be appointed by the Bishop, or in case of vacancy in the Episcopate, by the Standing Committee.

Constitution, how altered.

ART. XI. Any proposition to alter this Constitution shall be made in writing, and if approved by two-thirds of the Convention, shall be submitted to the next Convention; and if approved by a majority of the two orders therein, voting separately, it shall become a part of this Constitution.

CANONS

OF

THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

TITLE I.

OF THE ORGANIZED BODIES AND OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

CANON I.

OF PARISHES.

§1. No Church or Parish shall be received into union with this Convention, unless the articles of Association, authenticated by the Chairman and Secretary of such Association, be presented to the Convention by a member thereof. Admission of Church or Parish into union with Diocese.

§2. It shall be the duty of every Parish in union with this Convention, to send a number, not exceeding five, of lay deputies to the Convention, who shall be chosen by the Vestry from among the parishioners. (*Provided*, That § 4, Title 1, shall have been complied with.) Duty of Parish to send Lay Deputies to Convention.

§3. The qualification for a Deputy to the Convention, shall be the same as for a Vestryman, except only that no pecuniary contributions shall be a necessary qualification. Qualifications of Lay Deputies.

§4. No Parish shall be entitled to a lay representation until all assessments upon the same made by the Convention, not specially remitted, shall have been paid to the Treasurer thereof, nor shall any Parish be entitled to lay representation which shall be in arrears six months in the payment of the salary of their Minister, which may hereafter accrue. Right of Parish to representation.

§5. Deputies to the Convention from the several Parishes shall present a certificate signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, in the following form: Evidence of appointment of Lay Deputies.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,)
PARISH.)

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of——Church, at——, held on the——day of——, 18——, A B and C were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at its Annual Convention in the year of our Lord 18——, Form of credentials.

CANON II.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

§1. The Secretary shall be *ex officio* Treasurer of the Convention until a Treasurer is elected. He shall forward in due time to the Treasurer of the General Convention the amount assessed upon the Diocese for the contingent expenses of the General Convention. Secretary ex officio Treasurer of Convention.

CANON III.

ELECTION OF DEPUTIES.

Deputies to General Convention.

§1. The Diocesan Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Deputies to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON IV.

DIVISION OF PARISHES.

Division of Parish.

§1. When any portion of a Parish in connection with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt the articles of association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON V.

OF THE VESTRY.

Of the Vestry, when elected.

§1. In every Parish there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as the Senior Warden of the Parish.

Vestry to elect Secretary, and his duty.

§2. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform all such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents that may be in his possession belonging to the Parish.

Vestry to elect Treasurer, and his duty.

§3. The Vestry shall elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all monies collected under the authority of the Vestry, the collection and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies that come into his hands, and submit an exhibit of the same annually, and whenever called upon to do so.

Qualifications of voters for Vestrymen.

§4. In electing a Vestry, every person shall be entitled to vote who is a holder or renter of one entire pew, or is a contributor to the Church to such an amount as the respective Parishes shall appoint. When two or more persons shall hold or rent a pew, they shall be jointly entitled to one vote; *Provided*, That in Churches in which the pews are neither owned nor rented by individuals, the qualifications for voters may be such as the Parish may determine. In forming new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who has not signed the articles of Parochial association.

Qualifications for Vestrymen.

§5. No person shall be elected a Vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected: *Provided*, That no person shall be qualified to act as Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and approve the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Duty of Vestry.

§6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintenance; to keep order in Church during the celebration of Divine worship, and in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate to Laymen for the furtherance of the Gospel.

§7. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit. Duty of Wardens.

§8. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex officio* preside as chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie, in all questions except those in which he may be personally concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time, giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In his absence, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden, or any two members of the Vestry, shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice. The Rector to preside at and call Vestry meetings. In his absence, the Sen. Warden.

§9. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year, one on Easter Monday, and the others quarterly thereafter. Vestry meetings, when held.

§10. Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members. Vestry, vacancies in, how filled.

CANON VI.

OF THE CLERGY.

§1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee shall cause to be prepared a list of all the clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutes of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned, specifying at the same time who of either class are Deacons; but no person, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on such list; and such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and the list sent to the Secretary of the General Convention. List of Clergy to be presented to Convention. When called.

§2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined by the Convention, according to the provisions of the Constitution, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid or omitted. Right to seat.

§3. No person who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church shall be permitted to accept an appointment as Deputy to the Convention of the Diocese. Candidates ineligible.

TITLE II.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

CANON I.

OF ATTENDANCE UPON CONVENTION.

§1. The regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses of their respective Ministers in attending the Convention. Duty of Clergy to attend Convention.

CANON II.

OF ADMISSION TO PARISH.

Admission of Clergyman to Parish.

§1. No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church in good standing.

CANON III.

OF PARISH REGISTER AND REPORTS.

Minister shall keep register.

§1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptized, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of persons married, and of persons buried; and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

Further record.

§2. In addition to the Register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish or otherwise.

Minister to report to Bishop.

§3. Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and confirmations within his cure since the last Convention, and also the number of communicants, specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other churches, or otherwise, during the same time; and, also, of the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools, and of all contributions for benevolent objects, by subscription or public collections, together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish.

When Wardens make report.

§4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the Register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

CANON IV.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

Vacant Parishes.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Rectorship of any Parish, it shall be the duty of the Vestry of such Parish promptly to notify the Bishop of such vacancy; and in the event of the failure of the Vestry, for a period of three months, to give such notification to the Bishop, or if the Vestry inform him that no adequate steps are being taken to supply the vacancy, or of its inability to supply it, then the Bishop, if he shall see fit to do so, may appoint a Clergyman to officiate temporarily in said Parish, or until the vacancy in the Rectorship shall have been supplied by the action of the Vestry; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Parish to provide, according to its ability, for the maintenance of the Clergyman so officiating.

TITLE III.

OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON I.

OF THE BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

§1. There shall be in this Diocese a Board of Preliminary Inquiry, to consist of three Presbyters, to be elected annually by the Convention, and to continue in office until their successors are chosen. How constituted.

§2. Whenever charges in writing against any minister of this Diocese signed by either: 1, the Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is a minister; or 2, by three male communicants of the Church in good standing, of whom one at least is a Presbyter; or 3, whenever a minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation reports or charges affecting his moral, religious or clerical character, and shall demand of the Bishop a formal investigation of the same; or 4, whenever at his own instance the Bishop shall judge that such an investigation would subserve the interests of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to summon the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. When and by whom to be summoned.

§3. The summons shall be in writing, and shall designate the time and place of meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given to the accused, and he may appear to rebut or explain away the rumors and charges so alledged. Summons in writing. Accused may appear.

§4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board to attend at the time and place designated, but a majority may proceed in the Inquiry. On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary. In case of a vacancy in the Board, or when the person accused is a member of the same, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. The sittings of the Board shall be private. How organized. Vacancies.

§5. In conducting the investigation, the Board shall institute such inquiries as they may deem advisable, and shall hear the accusations and charges and such proof as may be presented, together with such rebutting evidence and explanations as the party accused may offer, all which evidence taken shall be under the solemnity of an oath, or in writing signed by the person or persons testifying, and shall then determine whether upon matters of law and fact as presented to them there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial. Investigation how conducted.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds, they shall cause to be prepared a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto, which presentment so signed they shall transmit to the Bishop, and shall also furnish to the accused a copy of the same, and in all cases the presentment shall specify the grounds of accusation with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance. Adverse decision, how to proceed.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the Board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention to be deposited among the archives of that House, and no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the Church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is. If decision is favorable.

§6. No presentment shall be found in any case unless the alledged offence shall have been committed within three years, next Presentment.

When it must be made.

before the day on which the summons to the Board was dated. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alledged offence in a municipal court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

Accused, when to be inhibited.

§7. If from the offence charged it shall appear to the Board of Inquiry that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his clerical duties, the Bishop upon their recommendation may, after presentment is made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

CANON II.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

Offences for which a Clergyman may be tried.

§1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz:

1. Crime or Immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately and advisedly any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. 3. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. 4. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows, or for conduct disgraceful to the clerical profession.

The Court, how organized.

§2. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three Presbyters not members of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. They shall be annually elected by the Convention and hold their office until their successors are chosen. If a vacancy should occur in the court by death or removal, or by the accused being a member of the court, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the court.

Vacancies, how filled.

The Bishop to summons the Court and the accused.

A presentment being made, as provided for by Title III., Canon 1, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the court, the time being not less than six weeks nor more than four months, of which the accused shall have thirty days' notice by summons to appear and answer. The Bishop shall have power, until the court assembles, to issue summons for such witnesses as he may deem necessary for the defence or for the support of the charges preferred.

The officers of the Court.

§3. The court being assembled shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body and the last from their own body or otherwise. They shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who may be of the profession of the law, and shall be a communicant of this Church, and who thenceforward shall in all stages of the proceedings represent the Church and be the party on the one hand while the accused is the party on the other. The accused may appear by counsel, but such counsel shall not consist of more than one person, and he also shall be a communicant of this Church.

Accused may appear by counsel.

Of adjournment.

The trial may be public if the court or the accused require it so to be. The court shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the court who may be present, not being less than two, may proceed to trial,

The court shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down, and together with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. The oath to the witnesses may be administered, either by the court, or by some officer authorized by law to administer an oath, as the court may determine. Testimony, how taken.

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OF PARISH REGISTER AND REPORTS.

Minister shall keep register.

§1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptized, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of persons married, and of persons buried; and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish.

Further record.

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Minister to report to Bishop.

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When Wardens make report.

§4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the Register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish.

CANON IV.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

Vacant Parishes.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Rectorship of any Parish, it shall be the duty of the Vestry of such Parish promptly to notify the Bishop of such vacancy; and in the event of the failure of the Vestry, for a period of three months, to give such notification to the Bishop, or if the Vestry inform him that no adequate steps are being taken to supply the vacancy, or of its inability to supply it, then the Bishop, if he shall see fit to do so, may appoint a Clergyman to officiate temporarily in said Parish, or until the vacancy in the Rectorship shall have been supplied by the action of the Vestry; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Parish to provide, according to its ability, for the maintenance of the Clergyman so officiating.

TITLE III.

OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON I.

OF THE BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

§1. There shall be in this Diocese a Board of Preliminary Inquiry, to consist of three Presbyters, to be elected annually by the Convention, and to continue in office until their successors are chosen. How constituted.

§2. Whenever charges in writing against any minister of this Diocese signed by either: 1, the Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is a minister; or 2, by three male communicants of the Church in good standing, of whom one at least is a Presbyter; or 3, whenever a minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation reports or charges affecting his moral, religious or clerical character, and shall demand of the Bishop a formal investigation of the same; or 4, whenever at his own instance the Bishop shall judge that such an investigation would subserve the interests of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to summon the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. When and by whom to be summoned.

§3. The summons shall be in writing, and shall designate the time and place of meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given to the accused, and he may appear to rebut or explain away the rumors and charges so alledged. Summons in writing. Accused may appear.

§4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board to attend at the time and place designated, but a majority may proceed in the Inquiry. On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary. In case of a vacancy in the Board, or when the person accused is a member of the same, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. The sittings of the Board shall be private. How organized. Vacancies.

§5. In conducting the investigation, the Board shall institute such inquiries as they may deem advisable, and shall hear the accusations and charges and such proof as may be presented, together with such rebutting evidence and explanations as the party accused may offer, all which evidence taken shall be under the solemnity of an oath, or in writing signed by the person or persons testifying, and shall then determine whether upon matters of law and fact as presented to them there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial. Investigation how conducted.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds, they shall cause to be prepared a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto, which presentment so signed they shall transmit to the Bishop, and shall also furnish to the accused a copy of the same, and in all cases the presentment shall specify the grounds of accusation with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance. Adverse decision, how to proceed.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there is not sufficient ground to put the accused on his trial, the charges, together with a certificate of the President of the Board of its refusal to make a presentment, shall be sent to the Secretary of the Convention to be deposited among the archives of that House, and no proceedings shall thereafter be had by way of presentment on such charges except upon the affidavit of a respectable communicant of the Church of the discovery of new testimony as to the facts charged, and setting forth what such testimony is. If decision is favorable.

§6. No presentment shall be found in any case unless the alledged offence shall have been committed within three years, next Presentment.

When it must be made.

before the day on which the summons to the Board was dated. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alledged offence in a municipal court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction.

Accused, when to be inhibited.

§7. If from the offence charged it shall appear to the Board of Inquiry that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his clerical duties, the Bishop upon their recommendation may, after presentment is made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given.

CANON II.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

Offences for which a Clergyman may be tried.

§1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz:

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The Court, how organized.

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Vacancies, how filled.

The Bishop to summons the Court and the accused.

A presentment being made, as provided for by Title III., Canon 1, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the court, the time being not less than six weeks nor more than four months, of which the accused shall have thirty days' notice by summons to appear and answer. The Bishop shall have power, until the court assembles, to issue summons for such witnesses as he may deem necessary for the defence or for the support of the charges preferred.

The officers of the Court.

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Of adjournment.

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" *F. W. DAMUS, Whistler,.....Mobile.
" JNO. D. EASTER. Ph. D., ...Baltimore.
" *JOHN Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's, Marengo,..Faunsdale.
" †WM. M. GUILFORD, ...Nickajack, Tenn.
" *F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's, Macon,.....Demopolis.
" *F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,.....Carlowville.
" *J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,.....Mobile.
" EDWARD McCLURE, ...Greensboro'.
" *JOHN M. MITCHELL, St. John's Church,.....Montgomery.
" *B. F. MOWER, Emanuel Church,..... .Opelika.
" JOHN H. MEILI, officiating in Christ's Church,..Tuskaloosa.
" W. J. PERDUE, Evangelist in Central Ala.....Wilsonville.
" †S. F. PHILLIPS, ...Maryland.
" *HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D., St. John's Church,..Mobile.
" †J. B. RAMSDELL, whereabouts unknown.....
" J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary,.....Huntsville.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.....Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, officiating at Snowdoun.....Montgomery.
" *W. A. STICKNEY, Missionary,.....Faunsdale.
" *J. H. TICKNOR, Miss'y, Editor of Church Register,Montgomery.
" *J. C. WADDILL, of St. James' Church,.....Livingston.
" *GEORGE T. WILMER, Christ Church,.... ...Mobile.

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance. Those marked thus (†) not entitled to seats.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

JOSEPH HODGSON, *BENJ. H. MICOU,
*H. P. LEFEBVRE, *F. C. RANDOLPH,
CHARLES T. POLLARD.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

*CHAS. L. STICKNEY, JNO. G. HARVEY,
*A. S. JEFFRIES, HARRIS TINKER,
*A. BENNERS.

Church of the Nativity Huntsville.

*GEO. A. GORDON, W. F. MASTIN,
L. P. WALKER, J. W. CLAY.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.

*DAVID MINGE, R. N. HARRIS,
C. BADENHAUSER, GEO. H. MINGE.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

*N. H. R. DAWSON, *B. H. RIGGS,
*R. M. NELSON.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

*W. T. WALTHALL, *E. C. KEINCKE,
*JAMES BOND, *WM. H. KELLEY, JR.,
*DAVID CUMMING.

Trinity Parish, Mobile.

*C. A. BRADFORD, *W. G. JONES,
*J. T. THOMPSON, JOHN T. TAYLOR,
*ROBERT W. ADAMS.

Christ Church, Mobile.

*F. B. CLARK, *R. S. BUNKER,
*W. R. THURBER, *JOS. W. FIELD,
*HENRY FARROW.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

*J. M. WILSON, *DAVID BUELL,
THEODORE BEMENT, J. S. LEVRON.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

J. J. SEAWELL, J. A. MOOSER,
E. L. STICKNEY.

St. Marks' Parish, Greene Co.

JAMES I. THORNTON, ED. B. PERRIN.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

PEYTON RAVEN. DAN. FORNEY HOKE,
JOHN M. WYLEY, JNO. H. FORNEY,
JOHN D. HOKE, HENRY A. RUTLEDGE,
WM. T. ALEXANDER.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika.

SAMUEL G. JONES, E. BOWEN.

Those marked thus (*) were present.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE,
Wednesday, May 13th, 1868.

This being the time and place for the meeting of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled for Divine Service at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. F. R. HANSON and T. J. BEARD; the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D.D., and the Sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, from Eph. I—22, 23:

"And gave Him to be head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him that filleth all in all."

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. GEO. T. WILMER, D.D.

The Bishop called the Convention to order, and presented the following list of Clergy entitled to seats:

Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,	Rev. T. J. BEARD,
" S. M. BIRD,	" R. H. COBBS,
" J. M. CURTIS,	" F. W. DAMUS,
" JOHN Y. GHOLSON,	" F. R. HANSON,
" F. B. LEE,	" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.,
" JOHN M. MITCHELL,	" JOHN H. MEILI,
" B. F. MOWER,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" HENRY N. PIERCE, D. D.	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" S. U. SMITH,	" J. F. SMITH,
" WM. A. STICKNEY,	" J. H. TICKNOR,
" GEO. T. WILMER, D. D.	" J. C. WADDILL.

Their names having been called by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, Secretary *pro tem.*, the following were found present:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. S. M. BIRD,	Rev. J. M. BANISTER,
" F. R. HANSON,	" JNO. Y. GHOLSON,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" F. B. LEE,
" B. F. MOWER,	" JNO. M. MITCHELL,
" S. U. SMITH,	" H. N. PIERCE, D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" T. J. BEARD,	" J. C. WADDILL,

Rev. GEO. T. WILMER, D. D.

The list of Parishes was then called. Certificates of election of Lay Delegates were referred to the appropriate committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. W. A. STICKNEY, S. M. BIRD and J. C. WADDILL.

This Committee reported the Certificates in due form, and the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention:

Christ Church, Mobile.—F. B. Clark, R. S. Bunker, W. R. Thurber, Joseph W. Field, Henry Farrow.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.—Joseph Hodgson, H. P. Lefebvre, B. H. Micou, F. C. Randolph, C. T. Pollard.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.—C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries, J. G. Harvey, Harris Tinker, A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—C. A. Bradford, W. G. Jones, J. T. Thompson, J. T. Taylor, Robert Adams.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.—Benj. H. Riggs, N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.—G. A. Gordon, L. J. Walker, W. F. Mastin, J. W. Clay.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.—David Minge, C. Badenhausen, R. N. Harris, J. W. Minge.

St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.—Jas. I. Thornton, E. B. Perrin.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.—J. J. Seawell, G. A. Mooser, Eward L. Stickney.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.—J. M. Wilson, D. Buell, T. Bement, J. S. Levron.

St. John's Church, Mobile.—W. T. Walthall, E. C. Keincke, Jas. Bond, W. H. Kelly, Jr., D. Cumming.

Their names being called, the following were found present:

Messrs. CLARK,	Messrs. BUNKER;	Messrs. THURBER,
FARROW,	JEFFRIES,	JONES,
ADAMS,	RIGGS,	NELSON,
GORDON,	MINGE,	BUELL,
WALTHALL,	KEINCKE.	

The Bishop then announced a constitutional quorum present, and the Convention duly organized.

On motion, the Rev. J. H. Ticknor was elected Secretary.

The Bishop then announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *On the State of the Church.*—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Banister, F. B. Lee, S. U. Smith, J. A. Massey, D. D., Jno. M. Mitchell, F. R. Hanson.
2. *On Canons.*—Rev. Messrs. H. N. Pierce, D. D., G. T. Wilmer, D. D., and Messrs. W. G. Jones and Geo. A. Gordon.
3. *On Finance.*—Messrs. F. B. Clark, B. H. Riggs, W. T. Walthall, A. S. Jeffries, H. P. Lefebvre, G. A. Gordon, W. G. Jones.
4. *On Unfinished Business.*—Rev. J. C. Waddill, R. M. Nelson.

On motion, Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Christ Church, Mobile,
May 14, 1868.

Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the President.

On motion, Resolved, That Clergy and Candidates for Orders, not entitled to vote, be invited to take seats in the Convention, and to report their names to the Secretary. Under this motion, the Rev. Geo. W. Stickney, of Louisiana, and Mr. T. L. Banister, Candidate for Orders, reported their names.

On motion, the reading of the Bishop's Annual Report was postponed to the close of Divine Services.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese, by its Secretary, reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

Since the Convention of May, 1867, Testimonials have been signed, giving consent to the Consecration of Revs. FRANCIS M. WHITTLE, D. D., Assistant Bishop of Virginia; of JOHN FREEMAN YOUNG, D. D., Bishop of Florida, and of JOHN W. BECKWITH, D. D., Bishop of Georgia.

The following persons have been recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders: JOHN F. KNIGHT, THOMAS W. HALL, and PHILIP D. WOOLHOPTER.

PHILIP A. FITTS and T. LEWIS BANISTER have been recommended for ordination to the Diaconate.

GEORGE T. WILMER,
Secretary.

The Committee on Certificates of Election reported the names of SAM'L G. JONES and E. C. BOWEN, as duly elected delegates from Emmanuel Church, Opelika.

The Committee of four, appointed by the Convention of 1867, to consider the best and most equitable mode of raising money to pay the Bishop's salary and other charges upon the Diocese, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Convention, "to consider the best and most equitable mode of raising money to pay the Bishop's salary and other charges upon the Diocese," respectfully

REPORT:

After a careful consideration of the whole subject, the Committee cannot recommend a continuance of the voluntary system adopted by the last Convention. Voluntary contributions must, from the nature of the case, find their way into the Treasury at uncertain periods, and be fluctuating or inadequate in amount—and cannot therefore be relied upon to furnish that ample support of the Episcopate, without which the Bishop will be embarrassed with temporal cares and anxieties, from which it is the duty and privilege of the Diocese to relieve him.

Acting upon these views, and believing that the most practicable mode of obtaining the proposed objects will be: *First*—to determine upon the sum necessary to be provided in the current year by the Diocese for the purposes specified; and *Second*, to distribute the amount among the various Parishes by an assessment, based upon the number of communicants in each Parish, respectively: The Committee respectfully submits the following resolutions in accordance therewith, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That to meet the necessary appropriations for the Bishop's salary, the annuity to Mrs. Cobbs, and for general Diocesan expenses, the sum of —— dollars will be required during the current year.

Resolved, That this sum be assessed upon the various Parishes, in proportion to the number of communicants in each.

Resolved, That the amount required from each Parish under the foregoing resolutions be certified to the Rectors thereof, by the Secretary of the Convention as early as practicable; and the Clergy are hereby requested to adopt such measures as may in their judgment be best calculated to ensure the requisite collections before the next Annual Convention.

On motion, the consideration of this Report was made the special order of the day immediately after the reading of the Bishop's Annual Address.

The Parochial reports were then read, as follows:

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

Rev. G. T. Wilmer, Rector.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 19 ..... Total, 22
Confirmations—White, 16 16
Marriages White, 5 5
Funerals—White, 15 15
Communicants—White, at last Report, 253; added 27; died 6; removed, 22; present No. 252
Communions Administered 15
Communion Offerings $698 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions $443 68
Bishop's salary $175 00
For Church purposes generally $738 85
Total of Contributions $2,055 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA,

Rev. John Henry Meili, Rector in charge.

May 4th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 20, ... Total, 23
Confirmations—White, ... 12
Marriages—White, ... 2
Funerals—White, 2; colored, 1, ... Total, 3
Communicants—White, at the last report, ... 89; added, 12; died, 1; present No. 100
Communions Administered 31
Offertory, ... $652 18
For the Poor, ... $12 05
For the Bishop, ... $30 00
For the Diocesan Mission, ... $81 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, two weeks.

Since October last, daily morning prayer; during Lent, daily morning and evening prayer; also weekly administration of the Holy Communion, since the 13th of October last.

Owing to various causes, the above report is necessarily imperfect.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May, 1868.

Baptisms—White, infants, 20 20
Confirmations—White, 5 5
Marriages—White, 1; colored, 1 2
Funerals—White, 17, ... 17
Communicants—White, at last report, 103; added, 10; removed, 6; present No. 107
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ... $26 00
For Church purposes generally 94 20
Contribution to the support of the Episcopate $302 00
Children's Easter Offering $61 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

Among the deaths reported, is that of Rev. Mr. MENÆOS, who, after a brief illness, was called away from his work. It was my privilege to be with him and administer the Holy Communion, and to see him with a strong faith and bright hope, commit himself unto the Lord.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. JNO. M. MITCHELL, Rector.

May 10th, 1868.

Baptisms—White adults, 10; infants, 69; colored, infants, 4..... 83
Confirmations—White, 41 41
Marriages—White, 8..... 8
Burials—White, 24,.... 24
Communicants—At last report, 265; Colored, 4; present No.....254
Sunday School—Officers and Teachers, 31; Scholars,. 200
Library Books—S. S. 493; Parochial, 76..... .....Total 569
Communion Alms.....$359 55
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... ... .$141 00
Parochial School $723 00
Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children.....$1,169 10
Church purposes generally, (exclusive of Rector's Salary and Bishop's assessment)..... .....$985 00
Communions Administered..... 17

Time spent in the Parish, by Rev. J. H. Ticknor, six months—by the Rector, six months.

The number of communicants in this report is made less than in previous reports, by the transfer of the names of many persons to Missionary Points lately established nearer to their residences.

Of the amounts collected for the "Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children," $513 00 were raised by the work and self-denials of the members of the Sunday School during Lent. This School continues to increase in size and efficiency under the able superintendence of Prof. H. P. LEFEBVRE, Rector of HAMNER HALL.

The Sunday School for colored children is still kept up, under many discouragements, by the zeal and perseverance of Dr. M. J. SMEAD and six Assistant Teachers.

The Parochial School, established and supported by the Montgomery Episcopal Association, and taught by Mr. T. L. BANISTER and Miss G. TISDALE, is in a very prosperous condition. It has given instruction to 82 scholars, and has an average daily attendance of 67. Besides thus giving instruction free of charge, to so many poor children, this Association has also furnished many of them with clothing. Its labors in behalf of Christ's Church and Christ's poor, are deserving of much commendation.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

Rev. S. M. BIRD, Rector.

May 10th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 10; infants, 9,.....Total, 19
Confirmations—White, ...23
Marriages Whites,..... 6
Funerals.....10
Communicants—White, at last Report, 85; dead and removed, 16; added, 22; present No. 105

Sunday School—Teachers, 15; Scholars, 90,.....105
Library Books,.....250
Communions Administered.....6
Collections—For Diocesan Missions,.....n.....$74 00

The contributions of this Parish have been concentrated upon the rebuilding of our Church, destroyed during the late war. A full exhibit of our money matters would show an actual income to the Parish, amounting to over $12,000.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.
Rev. S. M. Bird, in charge.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 4,.....Total, 6
Confirmations—White,.....10
Communicants—Present number,.....30
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 20,.....25
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$13 00
Communions Administered.....4

This report embraces the result of five months services in Cahaba. The Church has been open every alternate Sunday afternoon, to large and attentive congregations. The Parish, once the strongest in the Diocese, has been entirely broken up, *as an organization*, by removals and death. The few remaining faithful—though materially prostrated by the stringency of the times, are rich in faith and love to our Holy Church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, MARENGO CO.
Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.
May 11th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1,.....2
Marriages—White,.....2
Funerals—White,.....3
Communicants,.....21
Communions Administered.....4

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.
Rev. F. R. Hanson, officiating Minister.
May 11th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, infants, 6; colored, 1,.....7
Confirmations—White,.....2
Funerals—White.....5
Communicants—White, 53; colored, 1,.....54
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; Scholars, white, 56,.....65
Communions,.....5
Offerings,.....$32 00

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, AND COUNTY LINE.
Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.
May 10th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 6; infants, colored, 7,.....Total 13
Confirmations,.....5
Marriages—Colored.....3
Funerals—White,.....1

Communicants--At last report, 58; added, 5; died, 1; removed, 8; Present No.....54
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, white, 22; colored, 8.....36
Communions.....25
Communion Offerings.....$15 00

Time spent in Parish, in the regular performance of its duties, since last report, twelve months.

AT COUNTY LINE—

Communicants—At last report, 20; died, 1; removed, 3; Present No...18

My connection with my third Station, Camden, Wilcox Co., has been too short to admit of my forming an acquaintance with the actual condition of the Church in that place. It has suffered many losses within a brief period, by the deaths and removals of its members; and the congregation proper will undoubtedly be small.

The attendance upon my services has, thus far, been very good, owing to the want of services elsewhere, and to the amount of floating population in the town.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, Rector.

May 1st, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 5; infants, 20.....25
Confirmations.....17
Marriages.....5
Funerals.....9
Sunday School--Teachers, 20; Scholars, 185.....Total, 205
Communicants- White, at last report, 115; added, 26; died, 2; removed, 12; Present No.....127
Communions Administered.....13
Communion Offerings.....$361 35
Diocesan Missions.....$272 10
For Church purposes generally.....$1,711 15

Time spent in the Parish, twelve months.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

Since the resignation of the Rev. J. M. CURTIS, about 20th December last, our Parish has been without a Rector. Regular Lay Services have been observed on Sunday mornings; as also on the greater Festivals and Fasts of the Church, with occasional Services and Communion administered, by the Ministers of adjoining Parishes.

There have been no changes since Mr. CURTIS left.

Communicants—White, 46; Colored, 8.....54
Collections since Christmas—Domestic Missions.....$12 00
Bishop's Fund.....$100 00

E. C. STICKNEY, Sen. Warden.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO CO.

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 2, ... Total, 5
Confirmations—white, ... 2
Marriages—White, 1; Colored, 1, ... 2
Communicants—White, at last report, 30; added, 4; removed, 3; Present No. 31

Communions Administered,	11
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	$212 50
For Church Home,	5 00
For Church purposes generally,	61 00
Bishop's Salary,	171 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months.

REMARKS.—During the last year, the Rector has been some six months in Europe. The Church, however, was not closed; being opened for Lay-reading, and enjoying once a month, the full services rendered by a brother Clergyman.

ST. JOHN'S PARISH, MOBILE.

H. N. PIERCE, D. D., Rector.

May 12th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 10; infants, 90,	Total, 100
Confirmations—White, 56,	56
Marriages—White, 34; colored, 1,	35
Funerals—White, 61,	61
Communicants—White, at last report, 152; added, 36; died, 9; removed, 11; Present No.	168
Sunday School—Teachers, 31; Scholars, white, 360,	Total, 391
Library Books,	450
Communions Administered,	70
Communion Offerings,	$564 45
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	50 00
Bishop's Expenses to England,	90 00
Bishop's Salary,	275 00
For Church purposes generally,	500 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

EUFAULA, ALA., May 8th, 1868.

RT. REV. R. H. WILMER, Mobile, Ala., Bishop of Alabama:

My Dear Sir—I wrote to you on the 4th inst., handing certain testimonials. Since then, I received the Register from Dr. Pope, and from it make the following report:

In May, 1867, and April, 1868, four infants were baptized; and in June, 1867, one adult. In April, 1868, one male and seven females were confirmed. In April, 1868, one male and seven female communicants were added to the Church. In April, 1868, two marriages; about three months ago, one funeral.

The collections have been quite small. Mr. Beard, prior to relinquishing his charge, recommended collections to be taken every Sabbath; it was not done, however, until after the lapse of several Sabbaths; but since we commenced, it has been regularly observed, with two or three exceptions, when there was no service in consequence of rain. The attendance, as you may imagine, has been quite small.

Our Church Sunday School is kept up, and regularly attended. Mr. BACKUS is the Principal; Mrs. WM. H. BRAY and Miss LIZZIE BACKUS, are the teachers. Some ten or twelve children attend very regularly.

I remain, my beloved Bishop,

Yours, Faithfully,

P. D. WOOLHOPTER.

TRINITY PARISH, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey, Rector.

May 12th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 19; infants, 84, ... Total,	103
Confirmations—White, ...	66
Marriages—White, 8; Colored, 2, ...	10
Funerals, ...	49
Communicants—White, at last report, 311; added, 45; died, 7; removed, 23; Present No.	326
Sunday School—Teachers, 27; Scholars, 225, ...	252
Library Books, ...	454
Communions Administered—in public and private, ...	23
Communion Offerings, ...	$301 95
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ...	$101 70
For other Church purposes, ...	$744 75
Bishop's Salary and Convention expenses, ...	440 00

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

There may be more communicants in the Parish than reported above. Circumstances which have occurred during the year, prevent entire certainty.

The Rector still continues in charge of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and has officiated for that Congregation as usual on every Sunday afternoon. He earnestly hopes that the day is not distant when some Clergyman will be found to devote himself exclusively to the Spiritual interests of the colored people of Mobile. The Rector desires this, not only that he may be relieved from a burden now too great for his strength; but he deems it a necessity if the Church of the Good Shepherd is to gain real strength and influence among the people for whose welfare it is intended.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Rev. B. F. Mower, Rector.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; children, 8, ... Total,	10
Confirmations, ...	12
Marriages, ...	1
Funerals—White, ...	3
Communicants—White, at last report, 25; removed, 2; added, 18; Present No.	41
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; Scholars, white 40, . . Total,	46
Library Books, ...	100
Communions Administered, ...	8
Communion Offerings, ...	$38 60
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ...	25 25
Domestic "	5 25
Foreign " (child)	1 00
For Church purposes generally, ...	400 00

OPELIKA MISSION.

Rev. B. F. Mower, Missionary.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 4; children and infants 17; colored infant, 1,	22
Confirmations—White, ...	6
Marriages, ...	1
Communicants—White, ...	60

Sunday Schools, 3; Teachers, 12; Scholars, white, 85; colored 12, 109
Communions Administered, ... 12
Communion Offerings, ... $126 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ... 50 50
Domestic " 75
Sunday School Books, ... 10 00

FLORENCE MISSION.

Rev. J. M. Curtis, Missionary.

May 1st, 1868.

Baptisms—Infants, white,..... 1
Confirmations—None. No Visitation.
Communicants—At last report, 20; removed, 3; added, 1; Present No..18
Communions Administered..... 4
Communion Offerings..... $11 50
Domestic Missions, (Easter).....12 45

Time spent in Parish, in performance of its regular duties, four months.

TUSCUMBIA MISSION.

Rev. J. M. Curtis, Missionary.

May 1st, 1868.

Baptisms—Infants, white..... 1
Confirmations—None. No Visitation.
Funerals,..... 2
Communicants—At last report, 29; died, 3; removed, 4; Present No...23
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; Scholars, 20,.....23
Communions Administered..... 4
Communion Alms..... $7 85
For Sunday School Books,.....16 50

Time spent in Parish in the performance of its regular duties, four months.

N. B. The report of this Mission and Florence only includes the time of the present Missionary's service. I find no records of Ministerial acts since May 1st, 1867, until the time of my taking charge of Mission.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.

Rev. J. Cooper Waddill, Rector.

May 11th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 8,..... 10
Confirmations—White, at Mt. Sterling,..... 5
Marriages—Colored,..... 1
Communicants—White, in the county elsewhere, as reported at last Convention, 27; added, 3; colored, 1; Present No....31
Communions Administered, (1 in private.)..... 5
Communion Offerings,..... $ 7 10
Bishop's Salary,.....48 00

I have, since last May, officiated semi-monthly in Choctaw County, at three different places. All Ministerial acts have been reported in the record for Calvary Church.

I held services once at St. Stephens, Washington County, and once at Bladon Springs.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Rev. J. Cooper Waddill, Officiating.

May 11th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, infants, ... 3
Marriages—White, ... 1
Funerals—White, ... 4
Communicants—White, at last report, 34; added, 2; died, 1; removed, 5; Present No. 30
Communions Administered 6
Communion Offerings $14 95
Bishop's Salary, ... $45 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

The Parish has suffered a heavy loss in the death of the Senior Warden J. W. Murley. To his love for the Church, and his zeal in her service, the Parish has been indebted many years for its growth and prosperity.

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, EUTAW.

Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Missionary.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 1, ... Total, 2
Confirmations—White, ... 1
Marriages—Colored, ... 1
Funerals 4
Communions Administered, ... 11
Communion Offerings, ... $60 05
Communicants—Died, 2; Present No. 22
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 16; colored, 8, ... 24
Collections for Diocesan Missions, ... $12 55
Collections for the Bishop $82 50

Time, in the mission, twelve months.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3, ... Total 4
Confirmations—White, ... 1
Marriages—White, 1; Colored, 1, ... 2
Funerals 2
Communicants—At last report, 21; removed, 1; added, 2 24
Communions Administered, ... 11
Communion Offerings, ... $40 70
Collections for the Bishop 87 00
Collections for Diocesan Missions, ... 27 20

Time spent in the Parish, in the performance of its regular duties, twelve months.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector.

May 10th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 3; infants, 6, ... Total 9
Confirmations—No Visitation.
Communicants—White, at last report, 40; colored, 2; Present No. 42
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; Scholars, 30, ... 34

Library Books, ... 60
Communions Administered—(3 in private,) 7
Communion Offerings, ... $32 00

The communicants included in the above report are not all resident in Greenville, but at various points on the Alabama and Florida Railroad.

Time spent in the Parish, three months.

WHISTLER MISSION.

F. W. Damus, Missionary.

May 13th, 1868.

Baptisms—White, adults, 2; infants, 11, ... Total, 13
Confirmations—White, 13, ... 13
Marriages—White, 3, ... 3
Funerals—White, 5, ... 5
Communicants—White, at last report, 26; added, 18; died, 1; removed, 1; Present No. 41
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, white, 50, ... 55
Library Books, ... 280
Communions Administered, ... 6
Collections for Church purposes generally, ... $200 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

Remarks. Since my last report, I have had much to encourage me in my field of labor at Whistler. The attendance at Church has been good, and my dear people have seconded me heartily in everything I undertook for the good of the Church.

The Church edifice which was in contemplation last year, has now been erected, though not yet finished. I have, also, succeeded in establishing a Parish School, which, although opened only two months ago, and at a very unfavorable season, numbers already twenty-five pupils. Under the able instruction of Mrs. Cooke and her daughter, I feel convinced that the School will be productive of good results to the Church.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

May 8th, 1868.

Baptisms—Infants, ... 5
Communicants—White, at last report, 16; added, 4; removed, 1; Present No. 19
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; Scholars, 25, ... 30
Communions Administered, ... 3

JNO. D. HOKE, Warden.

CANEBRAKE MISSION.

Rev. W. A. Stickney, Missionary.

Faunsdale, Marengo Co., May 12th, 1868.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.:

Rt. Rev. Father:—Below is a report of my work the past year:

Services—White congregation, 24; Colored, do. 20, . . Total, 44
Holy Communions, 14; 2 in private; " 4; 2 in private, . . 21
Baptisms—Infant, 1; 1 adult; . " Infant, 7, ... 9
Marriages, . 2; . . . . " 22, ... 24
Funerals, . 3; . . . . " 4, ... 7

Of these Ministrations, Holy Cross, Union Town, McKinley, and St. Michael's, Marengo County, have been regular recipients once a month. St.

Wilfrid's, Marion, has also received some of them, and Dayton an occasional office.

The black congregation of Faunsdale Chapel has been regularly served twice, and another on a plantation in Perry, once a month.

Such was my routine until Advent, when feebleness of body compelled a suspension of all regular work, down to teaching the plantation negroes at night. All calls for the offices of the Church, however, up to the present, have been answered, and the higher Fasts and Festivals have been celebrated in the Chapel with the negroes of the plantation. Attendance in this Chapel as a habit or duty, is any thing but encouraging. When field labor is suspended on a week day for the service of God, there may generally be expected a full turn-out. The occasion must be something out of the common order to afford theme for evoking interest in this race of people. The heavenly Repast of the Communion on Easter Sunday awakened some twenty souls to participation. Ordinarily six to a dozen approach, out of fifty-three (53) reported the last year of slavery.

Infant Baptism, when announced for a certain day, affords an occasion for evincing interest. The infants are decently prepared, Sponsors chosen from among themselves, and all active doing their part at the Sacred Rite.

Then the usual reaction follows, of entire apathy to public services. But a wordy responsiveness ever abounds to every form of rebuke for neglect of duty; and this appears to serve with them as a law of compensation.

The public office of Matrimony, solemnized over the new treasure of a legal License, has already become too common to afford an occasion for assembling a congregation, where all are near by.

"Work out your Salvation," "Grow in grace and knowledge," are subjects too trite and monotonous for their present attention, and work which their newly acquired ideas of freedom shrink from undertaking.

An Episcopal Visitation will ensure a full gathering. But not one can be moved with the desire for confirmation, however much pressed by the promises or threats of the Gospel, exerted too through the influences and interests of private interviews and friendship.

Your obedient servant and Son in the Ministry,

W. A. STICKNEY,
Missionary in the Canebrake to Negroes, &c.

REPORT OF REV. THOS. J. BEARD,
Missionary at large, North Ala.

RT. REV. FATHER IN GOD:

In compliance with your wishes, I resigned the charge of St. James' Parish, Eufaula, and took charge of the "Mission at Large," in North Alabama, with Headquarters at Huntsville, on the 17th of June. At that time the limits of the Mission were organized to include the country on both sides of the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, extending about 60 miles from Maysville, 12 miles East of Huntsville, to Tuscumbia and Florence—the organized Parishes at these two places having been left without a Rector, by the removal of Rev. JNO. B. GRAY, to the Diocese of California. Within this range, besides the points above named, are Madison Station, 10 miles West of Huntsville, on Memphis and Charleston Railroad; Athens, on Nashville and Decatur Railroad, 15 miles from Decatur; Decatur itself, at that time in charge of the Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON; and Courtland, 20 miles West of Decatur, and Mooresville, a small village near M. and C. R. R., 6 miles East of Decatur. After three month's labor it seemed best to make Athens the centre of the Mission, accordingly I removed my family to that place, and assigned two Sundays in the month to it. With headquarters

at Athens, I have at present under my charge, Athens, Madison Station, including the village of Triana, 7 miles distant, on the Tennessee River, Mooresville and Decatur; the Rev. J. M. CURTIS having been called to the charge of the Parishes at Tuscumbia and Florence in December, and Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON having been transferred from Decatur to Maysville.

At Maysville I preached only once, and baptized 5 adults—all whites.

MADISON STATION--

One Sunday in month—Services	16
Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 11, Total,	12
Confirmations,	5
Marriages,	2
Communicants	11
Communions Administered,	2

Place of worship—School-room in lower story of Masonic Lodge.

MOORESVILLE—

Services	4
Baptisms—Infants,	8

After these four services and preaching, the Methodists refused us the use of their building. We have since secured the Town School House, and I will preach once a month.

ATHENS—

An upper room furnished as Chapel.

No of Services and preaching,	40
Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 3, Total,	6
Confirmations,	3
Communicants,	10
Communions Administered,	6
Communion Offerings,	$ 9 00

Through the deep interest in our work, and the earnest efforts of Col. GEO. A. GORDON, of Huntsville, we hope ere long to have a neat, substantial Church building erected here. A nice lot has been given us for the purpose. Two good ladies have also given us an excellent Melodeon. We have a choir organized, and our Sunday School soon will be.

DECATUR—

No. of Services,	12
Baptisms- Adults, 3; infants, 2, Total,	5
Communicants, at present,	11
Funerals,	1
Communions Administered,	3
Communion Offerings,	$8 00
Sunday School--Teachers, 7; Scholars,	60
Library Books, about	300

The Church building here is near enough completed to be used for service. It is not yet ceiled nor the chancel furnished. The sittings, only temporary benches, and not enough of these. A good woman, confirmed at the Bishop's last visit, has ordered, at her own expense, the lumber for the ceiling—indeed, God has blessed her with a heart to give. Besides contributing liberally to build the Church, she has presented a handsome Mason & Hamlin Organ, a 400 lb. Bell, and is now giving the lumber for the ceiling.

The Sunday School is still very flourishing, and doing a great work for the Church. I give the 4th Sunday in the month to this place, and will also hold a night service on Wednesday before the 3d Sunday.

At Tuscumbia and Florence, after December, I held services and preached 15 times.

Baptisms—Adult, 1; infant, 1,	2
Marriages,	1
Communions,	5

At TRIANA and COURTLAND, I have preached only once each.

Summary of official acts—No. Services,		90
Baptisms—Adults, 8; infants, 25,	Total	33
Confirmations,		8
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		1
Communions Administered,		16
Offerings for Bishop, from Athens, Madison Station, Mooresville and Decatur,		$ 50 00
Offerings for purchase of horse and saddle,		120 00

Since taking charge of the Mission in June, I have been absent from duty by permission, three weeks, on a visit to my Old Parish in Eufaula, where I presented 8 candidates for confirmation; baptized 5 children; held service twice daily during Passion week; administered Holy Communion on Easter, and performed two marriages.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. J. BEARD,
Missionary at Large.

Athens, May 11th, 1868.

COMMUNICANTS REPORTED BY REV. J. D. EASTER. NOT BELONGING TO ANY PARISH.

Elyton,	14	Jonesboro',	2
Montevallo,	7	Lime Kiln,	4
Alpine and Harpersville,	4	Silver Run,	3
Talladega,	14	Brierfield,	8
Gainesville,	13		

On motion, the foregoing Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Convention then took a recess for Divine Service. After which was read Bishop WILMER's Annual Report to the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

OF THE BISHOP, TO THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF ALABAMA, MAY, 1868.

1867.—May 8. I met the Clerical and Lay-Deputies of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, in Trinity Church, Mobile, and, after a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Easter, celebrated the Holy Communion. This and the three following days were spent in attendance upon the Sessions of the Convention.

May 12th. (3d Sunday after Easter.) At Christ Church, Mobile, after a Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Bird—confirmed 3 persons. In the afternoon at St. John's Church, Mobile, after a Sermon by the Rev. J. D. Easter,—confirmed 12 persons, one of the number a sick person, in private. At night in Trinity Church, Mobile,—after a Sermon by the Rev. T. J. Beard,—confirmed 4 persons.

May 17th. Baptized an infant child in private.

May 19th. (4th Sunday after Easter.) Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and confirmed 6 persons. In the afternoon, preached at the Church of the "Good Shepherd," and confirmed 4 persons.

May 23d. Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed 10 persons.

May 24th. Preached morning and evening, at Evergreen, and confirmed 5 persons.

May 26th. (5th Sunday after Easter.) Preached at Whistler, and confirmed 6 persons. The Church here continues to grow steadily under the pastoral care of the Rev. F. W. Damus. It is confidently expected that a House of Worship will soon be completed and ready for Consecration.

In the evening of the same day—after a sermon by the Rev. John H. Meili, I confirmed 2 persons, at Christ Church, Mobile.

May 28th. At Trinity Church, Mobile, I confirmed 1 person.

May 28th. Married, in Mobile, Rev. G. T. Wilmer and Mary Cleveland.

May 29th. Preached at the Church of the "Good Shepherd," Mobile, and confirmed 5 persons.

May 30th. I confirmed 2 persons at St. John's Church, Mobile, at early morning service.

June 2d. At Christ Church, Pensacola, Fla., I preached morning and evening, and confirmed 29 persons, 1 of whom was a sick man, confirmed in private.

June 5th. I confirmed 3 persons at St. John's Church, Mobile, at early morning service.

June 9. (Whitsunday.) Preached in Grace Church, Lynchburg, Va., and celebrated the Holy Communion.

June 16th. (Trinity Sunday.)—Preached in St. John's Church, Liberty, Va , and celebrated the Holy Communion. From this time, until the latter part of October, I was absent from the Diocese, on a visit to England, that I might attend the Conference of Bishops in communion with the Anglican Church. I consider it unnecessary to give any minute account of services rendered during this interval of absence. It will be sufficient to say that I embraced every opportunity afforded to preach the Gospel of our Lord, and that I confirmed at Hagerstown in the Diocese of Maryland, 13 persons.

In the Diocese of Virginia, I baptized several children, and at the English Chapel at Versailles, I baptized Elliott Cobbs, son of the Rev. John M. Mitchell of St. John's Church, Montgomery. I would also mention that I had the pleasure of presenting the claims of the S. P. G., at St. Michael's

Church, Bristol, and at St. Paul's Church, Clifton. I was requested to do so by the Secretary of the Society, and I was glad to be able to testify in this way, to our appreciation of the services rendered by this venerable Society to the infant Church in America, many years ago.

Nov. 1st. Preached for several days, morning and evening, at the "Church of the Nativity," Huntsville, celebrating the Holy Communion and holding two confirmations—comprising in all 17 persons.

Nov. 4th. Went to Maysville, one of the Stations under the Rev. T. J. Beard, but, through some mistake as to the appointment, there was no congregation.

Nov. 7th. Preached, morning and evening, at Mooresville, another of Mr. Beard's Stations, and baptized 5 children.

Nov. 8th. Preached at Decatur; baptized 5 children and 1 adult, and confirmed 3 persons.

Nov. 9th. Preached again in the same place, baptized 1 adult and 1 child, and confirmed 1 person. This point is under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. M. Robertson. At the time of my visitation, he was kept away by a serious sickness.

Nov. 10th. (21st Sunday of Trinity.) Preached, morning and afternoon, at Madison Station, another of Mr. Beard's Stations, and confirmed 5 persons, one of them a sick person in private.

Nov. 12th. Preached at Athens, morning and evening; baptized 1 infant and confirmed 3 persons. This place is also under the care of the Rev. T. J. Beard, and constitutes in connection with the other points named, the sphere of Mr. Beard's labors as Evangelist in North Alabama. The Domestic Committee of the Board of Missions, readily acceeded to my views of the importance of concentrating their appropriations on this and another point, and in this way enabled me to do for this destitute and yet promising field what I could have accomplished in no other way. The result of the experiment, has thus far exceeded my expectations.

Nov. 14th. Preached, on this and the following day, at Florence, morning and evening, and confirmed 4 persons.

Nov. 17th. (22d Sunday after Trinity.) Preached at Tuscumbia, morning and evening, celebrating the Holy Communion, and confirming 2 persons.

Nov. 24th. (23d Sunday after Trinity.) Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Dec. 1st. (1st Sunday in Advent.) I preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

Dec. 6th. This and the day following, I preached in Demopolis, confirming 2 persons. The Rev. Mr. Hanson still officiates at this place, in connection with St. Andrew's, Macon.

Dec. 8th. (2d Sunday in Advent.) Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon; baptized 1 adult, and confirmed 2 persons.

Dec. 11th. Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', morning and evening; celebrated the Holy Communion, and confirmed 5 persons.

Dec. 13th. Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, on this and the day following, and confirmed 2 persons.

Dec. 15th. (3d Sunday in Advent.) Preached in the Church of The Holy Cross, Uniontown, this and the day following, and confirmed 5 persons.

Dec. 17th. Failed, from want of conveyance, to reach St. David's, Dallas county.

Dec. 19th. Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, and confirmed 4 persons, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

Dec. 22d. (4th Sunday in Advent.) Preached in St. John's Church,

Montgomery, morning and evening, and confirmed 23 persons. I was glad to find the Rev. Mr. Mitchell at his post, in the enjoyment of renewed health and vigor. The labors of the Rev. J. H. Ticknor, who officiated during the Rector's absence, are abundantly rewarded, as will be seen from the large number of confirmations during his temporary charge of the Parish.

Dec. 29th. (1st Sunday after Christmas.) I preached on this and the following two Sundays, at Christ Church, Charlottesville, and at the University of Virginia.

1868.—Jan. 19th. (2d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in Emmanuel Church, Opelika, morning and evening, and confirmed 12 persons.

Jan. 21st. Preached this and the day following, at Tallassee, and confirmed 2 persons.

Jan. 23d. Preached at Mt. Meigs, and confirmed 4 persons.

Jan. 25th. (Conversion of St. Paul.) Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile.

Jan. 26th. (3d Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile.

Feb. 2d. (4th Sunday after Epiphany.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and in the afternoon at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Feb. 9th. (Septuagesima.) Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Mobile.

Feb. 16th. (Sexagesima Sunday.) Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Mobile; confirming 3 persons.

Feb. 19th. Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

Feb. 23d. (Quinquagesima Sunday.) Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 21 persons. In the afternoon of Sunday, I preached at the Church of the "Good Shepherd," and confirmed 3 persons. A candidate for Holy Orders, from this congregation, is at present pursuing his theological studies at Raleigh, North Carolina.

Feb. 26th. (Ash Wednesday.) Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 1st. (1st Sunday in Lent.) Preached in Selma, in the new building which has been recently erected on the site of the Church destroyed by the United States' forces, upon their occupancy of the city, in 1865. The present building was erected for a temporary place of worship; but in all probability will be used for some time to come. Considering the scarcity of money and the prevailing financial distress, the good people of Selma deserve much commendation for the liberality and energy which they have manifested, under many discouragements. In consequence of heavy rains, it was found impossible, at this visitation, to collect together in the Church, the candidates for confirmation; I was therefore compelled to make an appointment for the ensuing Sunday. In the meanwhile, on

March 3d. I preached in St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, and confirmed 10 persons; celebrating also the Holy Communion. The Rectorship of this Church is still vacant, but the Rev. Mr. Bird has been able, by unusual exertion, to render much acceptable service, and it was most gratifying to me to witness the unusual interest manifested towards the Church. In consequence of the removal of the Court House to Selma, Cahaba has suffered greatly from removals and decay of business. The only interest to be seen, was in Church matters, and I rejoiced to see that the Church was flourishing, in the midst of a general decay. It is much to be desired, that our clergy should extend their labors into the unoccupied places in their several neighborhoods, and multiply their labors as their numbers diminish.

March 5th. I preached in St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 5 persons. This confirmation was rendered peculiarly interesting from the circumstance that one of the candidates was the youngest child of the

Rector—all his other children having come to confirmation as they reached to years of discretion. The worthy Rector of this, one of our oldest congregations, has spent many years of his ministry among this people, and God has enabled him, by the happy training of his household, to illustrate the faithfulness of the Divine promises to the righteous and their children.

March 6th. Preached at County Line, Dallas.

March 8th. (2d Sunday in Lent.) I preached in Selma, morning and evening, and confirmed 23 persons.

March 10th. (Tuesday.) I preached at Montevallo; baptized 2 infants, and 4 adults; and confirmed 4 persons. This is one of the points for which I had provided by the labors of an Evangelist, but the diminution of the appropriations to Alabama on the part of the Domestic Committee, has constrained me for the present, to discontinue this mission. I had made arrangements to visit Elyton and other points, but was prevented from fulfilling these appointments by the want of a conveyance.

March 15th. (3d Sunday in Lent.) Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville, Va., and in the evening, at the University of Virginia. In consequence of the destruction of the University of Alabama, the number of students from our State is unusually large at the University of Virginia. I was on that account particularly gratified by the frequent opportunities afforded me, by the temporary residence of my family in Charlottesville, of preaching to the young men of my own Diocese. It was, also, particularly grateful to me, to hear of the high estimation in which the young men of Alabama are held by the Faculty and others, for their sobriety, diligence in study, and general propriety in deportment. The privations and sacrifices which our young men have been called to endure, have rendered them more manly and more religious, and I am constantly called upon to observe and admire the goodness and mercy of God in thus turning our sufferings to good account.

March 18th. I again preached in Christ Church, Charlottesville.

March 22d. (4th Sunday in Lent.) I preached in Middleburg, Va., in a Church of which I had been Rector some years ago.

March 29th. (5th Sunday in Lent.) I preached in Emmanuel Church, Henrico, Va., the Church from which I was called to my present position in Alabama.

April 2d. In St. John's Church, Savannah, Ga., I participated with the Bishops of Mississippi, North Carolina, Louisiana and Florida, in consecrating the Rev. Dr. Beckwith, to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Georgia. On that occasion I preached the consecration sermon.

April 5th. (Sunday, next before Easter.) I preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening, and confirmed 8 persons. I am sorry to add, that this important Church is still without a Rector.

April 8th. (Wednesday before Easter.) I preached in the evening, at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confimed 15 persons. On the day following I confirmed a sick person in private, and in the evening, united with the Rector of the Church in celebrating the Holy Communion.

April 10th. (Good Friday.) I preached again in St. John's Church, and confirmed 2 persons, making in all 18 persons confirmed on this visitation. It is pleasing to observe the steady growth of this Church, notwithstanding the general hardness of the times.

April 12th. (Easter Sunday.) I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, morning and evening, and confirmed 1 person.

April 15th. (Tuesday in Easter week.) Preached in St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene; baptized 1 infant and 1 adult; and confirmed 1 person.

April 16th. Preached morning and evening, at Gainesville; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated the Holy Communion. I also baptized 1 infant.

This point is still vacant—the Rev. S. U. Smith will hereafter include it within his missionary jurisdiction, until a more permanent arrangement can be made. The late and lamented Dr. Leroy Anderson bequeathed some property to the Church in the town of Gainesville; and we only await developments as to the future condition of Gainesville, before beginning the work of building a place of worship.

April 19th. (1st Sunday after Easter.) Preached morning and evening, in Christ's Church, Tuskaloosa, celebrating the Holy Communion, and confirming 12 persons. Next day I addressed the congregation of the same Parish. The rectorship of this Church is rendered vacant by the resignation of the Rev. Dr. Easter, who, we regret to say, is compelled by ill health, to seek a more propitious climate. The Rev. John H. Meili, has been assigned by me to the temporary charge of this Church—the Vestry having requested the Bishop to fill the vacancy.

April 23d. Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Livingston.

April 25th. (St. Mark's Day.) Preached at Mount Stirling, Choctaw county, and confirmed 5 persons.

April 25th. (2d Sunday after Easter.) Preached in Calvary Church, Pushmataha, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

May 3d. (3d Sunday after Easter.) I preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 8 persons, celebrating, also, the Holy Communion. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 35 persons.

May 8th. I confirmed 4 persons in Trinity Church, Mobile, and made an address to the candidates.

May 10th. (4th Sunday after Easter.) I preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 39 persons; celebrating, also, the Holy Communion. In the evening of the same day, I preached in the new Church at Whistler, (near Mobile,) and confirmed 7 persons. My visit to this place was most gratifying. The Rev. F. W. Damus, by the most unwearied labors, has succeeded in establishing a Church firmly at this most important position. The Church building, which is nearly completed, is most creditable to the taste and liberality of the people. In addition to his labors as the principal of a day school, he has been able to supply faithful ministerial services at this point; thus, at the same time, ministering to his necessities, and fulfilling faithfully his duty as a minister of the Church.

May 11th. I confirmed a sick man in private—the candidate presented by the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

May 12th. In Christ Church, Mobile, I baptized an infant child of the Rector thereof.

The following is a summary of my official acts during the year just ended:

Funerals,..... 1
Marriages,..... 1
Baptisms—Infants, 22; adults, 9,..... 31
Confirmations—In Florida, 29; in Maryland, 13; in Alabama, 363,....405

Thomas W. Hall and Philip D. Woolhopter, have been received by me, as candidates for Holy Orders, upon the recommendation of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Benj. F. Herr, Philip D. Woolhopter and Wm. McCallum, have been licensed to officiate as Lay Readers, in their respective localities.

I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Dr.'s Young, Beckwith and Bissell, to the Episcopates of Florida, Georgia and Vermont, respectively. I declined to consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Whittle, as assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, on the

ground that I had no sufficient evidence that his case came within the intent of the Canon, in such cases made and provided.

I have received official notice from the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, of the deposition of Jno. W. Leadenham; from that of the Diocese of Illinois, of the deposition of I. Niglas. M. D. L. L. D., from that of the Diocese of New Jersey, of the deposition of Geo. H. Williams. I have received a notice of the deposition of four Clergymen, purporting to have been issued by the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of New York; but inasmuch as the attesting signature was printed, I could not properly regard the document as sufficiently authenticated.

Letters Dimissory have been granted to the Rev. Messrs. R. Jope, R. A. Cobbs, I. B. Gray and J. E. Poindexter, Deacons to the Dioceses of Texas, Tennessee, California and Maryland, respectively.

The Rev. Wm. M. Guilford has been received into this Diocese, by Letters Dimissory from the Diocese of Tennessee.

In conclusion, there are some matters of interest which I desire to bring to the attention of this Convention.

After many ineffectual attempts to start a Church Paper, I have the pleasure of announcing that we hope to issue, at an early day, a Church Journal, at Montgomery, Ala. At my instance, the Rev. J. H. Ticknor has consented to undertake the editorial charge of the Paper; and we have reason to believe that his experience in the ministry and intimate knowledge of the needs of the people, will enable him to execute the work satisfactorily. I need not press upon you the necessity of giving a hearty support to this enterprise at the outset. The Bishops of Mississippi and Louisiana have given me assurances of hearty co-operation; and I doubt not that the other Bishops of the Southern Dioceses will give their support.

Since our last annual session, it has pleased God, in His wise providence, to remove from our midst by death, two of the Clergy of this Diocese: the Rev. Messrs. A. Menaos and James S. Jarratt. I presume that the Convention will take some action with a view of expressing our affection for our dear brethren, and our sense of the great loss which the Diocese has suffered from this bereavement. I shall therefore, refrain from any extended remarks, only observing that the loss was to me a personal one. From my entrance upon the duties of my present position, these dear brethren gave me their glad obedience and genuine sympathy in every matter that pertained to the interests of the Church. It is very grateful to call to remembrance their heart-felt and self-sacrificing devotion to the interests of the Church in Alabama. They do now rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. May God give us grace so to follow their good examples that together with them we may be partakers of the rest which remaineth to the people of God.

It becomes my painful duty, also, to announce the loss to the Church, by death, of three of her Bishops—the Rt. Rev. Dr. Scott, Missionary Bishop, of Oregon; the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hopkins, Bishop of Vermont and Presiding Bishop; and the Rt. Rev. Dr. Hawks, Bishop of Missouri.

It has so happened that I had no personal acquaintance with two Bishops named. Their death seems to have been much lamented by those who were immediately connected with them by personal or official relations. But with the late Presiding Bishop of this Church, (Bishop Hopkins,) my relations were different; and I should do injustice to myself—I could not, by my silence, add to or detract from his fame—if I did not add a word to this announcement of his death. Perhaps no Bishop of the American Church was so widely known or so greatly esteemed. We shall look in vain, in the line of the American Episcopate, to find any one who impersonated so truly and fully the genius of that branch of the Church in which

he was called to exercise the office of a Bishop. Bold, without obtrusiveness—benignant, without timidity—firm, without obstinacy— independent, without slavishness—religious, without cant—he seemed to me to embody, in rare proportions, all the qualities of a Catholic Bishop. Neither the clamors of enemies nor the blandishments of friends seemed for a moment to disturb the beautiful equipoise of his heart and his head. The influence of his elevated and comprehensive spirit will be long felt by the Church in America; and she will have drifted far from her present moorings, when she ceases to cherish, with fondness and veneration, the memory of her late Presiding Bishop.

This brief allusion to the memory of Bishop Hopkins, recalls to my mind the last occasion upon which I was privileged to meet him—at the Conference of the Bishops in communion with the Anglican Church, recently held at Lambeth. It will naturally be expected that I should do more than simply refer to that interesting event.

For my own part, I am free to confess to some disappointment that there was not, on the part of the Conference, a more formal expression of a willingness and resolution to remove whatever obstacle—if any existed on our part—stood in the way of a restoration of Catholic Unity. It was solely with a view of giving my voice in favor of such resolution that I was moved to attend the Conference; and I shall ever remember with pleasure that the only word which I uttered in that assembly, was in favor of such a formal declaration as I have referred to. It is true, that, in the Declaration put forth by that body, and signed by all its members—the present distracted and divided condition of Christendom was deplored, and means were recommended for the removal of this great evil; and in the judgments of many, there was an implied declaration of a desire, on our part, to remove all cause of division. It may be that this was all that could properly have been done, in view of the present attitude of Christendom. Such, at all events, was the conclusion reached; and I accept it with deference. But I must say, that I should have rejoiced at a more formal and explicit declaration to Christendom—that this Branch of the Church is prepared to meet the Christian world upon the undisputed facts of the first three centuries; and to modify whatever is necessary on our part, in the matters of Doctrine, Discipline and Worship, to the promotion of Catholic Unity.

It seemed to me that it was the first full opportunity which had been presented to the Anglican branch of the Church, for proclaiming her true attitude and for giving solemn expression to the desire and yearning after unity which fills the hearts of the large mass of her clergy and people. Such an utterance would have come with peculiar propriety and power from a branch of the Church which occupies, in a degree approached by no other, the Catholic attitude, and represents, in such large proportion, the intellect and vigorous Christian life of the Nineteenth Century.

Unhappily, the great masses of people are so prone to estimate everything by the flourish of trumpets, not knowing that "the Kingdom of God cometh not," and groweth not, "by observation," and that the "doctrine doth distil like the dew"—that they cannot take in the deep significance of that quiet assemblage of Bishops—representing so large an area of jurisdiction, such an aggregate of active thought and civilization—who, after much deliberation and prayer, found nothing more demanded of them than the re-affirmation of old truths in harmony with the Catholic consent of primitive and Apostolic times. There was no one of their number who wished to deny an article of the Catholic Faith—no one who wished to add to it one tittle or iota.

In this world of change and (so-called) development, the late Council at Lambeth looms up to view, and deserves to pass into history, as the

fullest living representative of that Kingdom which shall have no end—"the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." It stands side by side (if not in numbers, in spirit and action, which is of more moment) with the ancient Œcumenical Councils, and prolongs, in full harmony, their utterances: thus linking itself in with the past, and with one mouth professing "the faith"—and no other—"once delivered to the saints." The venerable Bishops who sat in Council at Nice, would have found themselves at home at Lambeth; and, indeed, in the affirmation of their teaching, were not their names virtually appended to the declarations then set forth?—for the Declaration at Lambeth is but the echo of the Decrees of the Councils of Nice and Constantinople and Ephesus and Chalcedon.

I cannot close this brief allusion without expressing my gratitude to those of my friends who, by their generous contributions, enabled me to be present at the Conference. My particular obligations are due Mr. Schroeder, of Christ Church, Mobile, and Mr. Benjamin Micou, of Tallassee, who by their active personal interest and liberality, secured the result.

It remains for me, in conclusion, to call attention of the Convention to the present condition of the Church in this Diocese. You will have seen, from the foregoing statements, that notwithstanding the diminished number of the clergy, the number of confirmations during the past year has been large—larger than ever before reported to any Convention of the Diocese. In consequence of the loss of clergy by death and removal, I have been compelled to compensate therefor, as far as possible, by extending the labors of the remaining clergy over a large area of territory. I have aimed to accomplish this result by employing suitable clergymen to act as "Evangelists" in the various sections of the State. This plan has been carried out with very gratifying results, and would have been carried out still more extensively, but for the withdrawal on the part of the Committee of a portion of the fund heretofore appropriated to Alabama by the "Board of Domestic Missions." The appropriation has been reduced from $3,000 to $1,800 per annum. This has thrown me, to a large extent, upon the Diocesan Missionary Fund—which, as the Clergy well know, has not been very large. Indeed, the only supplies which have come into this Fund, have been, with a very limited exception, taken up by me at my visitations.

The clergy who are employed in feeble Parishes and at Missionary Stations, naturally look to me for a regular stipend; but, as you will readily see, it is impossible for me to guarantee any stated and regular supply—unless the Clergy will afford me some assurance that they will contribute from their respective parishes at least a minimum amount. This, I trust, will be arranged before the adjournment of the Convention. If it is not done, we shall lose some of our present diminished number. I have already, in the most formal and earnest manner, urged this matter upon the attention of the Clergy and Laity—so far with very limited success—I am disposed to make every reasonable allowance in this matter, in view of the present financial distress. It is inconceivable to me that our people cannot be instructed to devote systematically something, however small, to an object of such vital importance to the maintenance and extension of the Church throughout the Diocese. The Report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions will show that in some of our Parishes, the Contributions to the Missionary Fund do not amount to a cent a week from each communicant. It is impossible that this amount can gauge either the resources of the people or the amount of their interest in Church extension.

There must be system in this matter, as in all matters. The people must be taught,—the Clergy themselves having first learned—that worship is not complete and perfect without the offertory. They cannot learn this

without being instructed; and they must be taught this as a part of the whole counsel of God, and as a part of their religious life—whether they hear, or whether they forbear. No consideration of delicacy or timidity should prevail to arrest the enforcement of this duty. Some will oppose it; but the honest and good ground will receive it, with all other truth: and it is from the honest and good ground that we are to reap the fruit of good works to the glory and praise of God. The best soil, however, will fail to yield fruit, if the seeds of wholesome instruction are not sown.

But, brethren, notwithstanding all our embarrassments and short-comings, I am disposed to speak a word of good cheer. I have witnessed, with much concern, a disposition on the part of many of our people to break up, sacrifice their homesteads, and look elsewhere in search of peace and plenty. Now, while I cannot find it in my heart to blame those who propose to emigrate to other countries and sections, I must think that in many instances, it is a great mistake. The sources of human disquietude lie deeper than our political and financial embarrassments; and we carry them with us whithersoever we may go, and however we may prosper. And besides, we have around us, all the elements of material prosperity. We need only the touch of industry, frugality and patient contentment, to render them available. We have a goodly race of young men and women--we have the material of a generous competency in the bosom of the soil, and untold resources in the depths beneath. Surely, here are the foundations for a future prosperity. Let us "trust in the Lord and be doing good," let us "dwell in the land, and verily we shall be fed."

On motion, the Address was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Annual Report, as follows:

JAMES BOND, *Treasurer*,

In account with the DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1867.			CR.	
May 7.—To Cash from			St. James' Livingston,	$ 50 00
"	"	"	Calvary Church, Choctaw Co.,	8 00
"	"	"	St. John's, Montgomery,	770 00
"	"	"	St. John's, Mobile,	275 00
"	"	"	Trinity, Demopolis	220 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Selma,	275 00
"	"	"	St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	50 00
"	"	"	Trinity, Mobile,	440 00
"	"	"	St. James', Eufaula,	110 00
"	"	"	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	217 00
"	"	"	St. Michael's Marengo,	218 00
"	"	"	Holy Cross, Uniontown,	114 00
"	"	"	St. Andrew's, Marengo County,	137 50
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Greensboro',	239 00
"	"	"	St. Mark's, Greene County,	55 00
"	"	"	St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	82 50
"	"	"	St. Matthews, Autaugaville,	18 00
"	"	"	St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	27 50
May 10,	"	"	St. Thomas', Greenville,	55 00
" 29,	"	"	Christ Church, Mobile,	500 00
" 30,	"	"	Holy Cross, Uniontown,	42 00
"	"	"	Trinity Florence,	50 00
"	"	"	St. Luke's. Jacksonville,	25 00
July 27,	"	"	St. John's, Tuscumbia,	20 00
Feb. 10, 1868.		"	St Paul's, Carlowville,	42 50
Ap'l 15,	"	"	Christ Church, Mobile,	400 00
				$4,441 10

CR.

1867, May 12.—By Cash paid Mrs. L. H. Cobbs, by direction of Bishop Wilmer, per Rev. R. H Cobbs,		$500 00
" " 17.—By Cash paid B shop,		2,525 00
" " 29, " " "		500 00
" " 30, " " "		117 00
" July 26, " " Farrow & Dennett for printing Journals of Convention, etc		250 00
" " 27.—By Cash paid Postage on Journals,		5 00
1868, Feb. 17, " " Bishop,		42 00
" Ap'l 15, " " Bishop, through Rev. G. T. Wilmer,		400 00
" " 28, " " Bishop,		100 00
Total amount of Disbursements for the year ending, at the Convention, 1867,		$4,441 10

JAMES BOND, Treasurer.

The Report was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE,
Friday Morning, May 15th, 1868.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the President.

On motion, resolved that so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to our departed Brethren, the Rev. Messrs. JAS. S. JARRATT and A. MENÆOS, be referred to a Committee of two Clergymen, with directions to report resolutions expressive of our sorrow at their loss.

The Rev. Messrs. F. R. HANSON and J. M. MITCHELL were appointed this Committee.

The President having called the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL to the Chair, Convention ordered the reading of the report of the Especial Committee on Finance.

The following was offered as substitute for the resolutions reported by said Committee:

Resolved, That the Financial Committee be instructed to assess the Diocese in the sum of ——— dollars, for meeting the contingent expenses of the Diocese, the Bishop's Salary and the annuity of Mrs. COBBS; apportioning the same among the different Parishes, in the manner the Committee may deem most equitable.

Pending the discussion of this resolution, the Convention took recess for Divine Service.

After Divine Service, the substitute was rejected, on a vote by orders.

The President having resumed the Chair, the Convention proceeded to elect the Standing Committee for the ensuing year, as follows: The Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., GEO. T. WILMER, D. D., H. N. PIERCE, D. D.; Messrs. F. E. GORDON, W. G. JONES and F. B. CLARK.

Report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions was received and referred to a Committee of two;—Messrs. R. M. NELSON and F. C. RANDOLPH.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer,*
In account with the Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama.

1867. DR.

May 10th—To balance,		$386	50
" 14th, Cash from Christ Church, Mobile,		479	23
" " " " Trinity " "		115	15
" " " " St. John's " "		50	00
" " " " Calvary " " Pushmataha,		27	80
" " " " Eutaw,		10	10
" " " " St. Stephen's Church, "		12	55
" " " " Nativity " Huntsville,		204	45
" " " " Decatur,		4	30
" " " " St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,		22	75
" " " " Trinity Church, Florence,		46	30
" " " " " " Demopolis,		41	00
" " " " St. Andrew's Church, Macon,		21	75
" " " " St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',		26	00
" " " " St. Michael's Church, Marengo,		170	00
" " " " Holy Cross Church, Uhiontown,		59	70
" " " " Emmanuel Church, Opelika,		25	50
" " " " Tallassee Mission,		31	30
" " " " Mt. Meigs,		19	00
" " " " St. John's Church, Montgomery,		141	00
" " " " St. Paul's Church, Selma,		74	00
" " " " St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,		13	00
" " " " St. James' Church, Eufaula,		31	55
" " " " St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,		17	20
" " " " County Line Church, Dallas,		10	00
" " " " Gainesville,		5	00
" " " " Livingston,		11	25
" " " " St. James' Church, "		15	00
" " " " Mt. Sterling,		19	00
" " " " Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,		81	20
" " " " St. Andrew's Church,		35	00
" " " " St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,		20	00
		$2,427	08

1867. CR.

May 16th.—By Bishop Wilmer's Drafts favor Rev. J. D. Easter,		$ 125	00
" " " " " " J. S. Jarratt,		50	00
" 20. " " " " B. F. Mower,		100	00
" 25. " " " " F. B. Damus,		100	00
" 29. " " " " Self,		65	00
Nov. 4. " " " " Rev. T. J. Beard,		50	00
" 13. " " " " J. M. Curtis,		50	00
" 20. " " " " J. H. Meili,		100	00
" 20. " " " " J. M. Banister,		71	70
" 20. " " " " J. M. Robertson,		50	00
Dec. 2. " " " " J. M. Curtis,		50	00
" 18. " " " " Self,		22	45
" 28. " " " " Rev. J. M. Curtis,		60	00
" 28. " " " " Rev. B. F. Mower,		50	00
" 30. " " " " " G. T. Wilmer,		100	00

1868. CR.

Jan. 27.	"	"	"	"	"	B. F. Mower,...	76	00
Feb. 6.	"	"	"	"	"	J. M. Curtis,...	100	00
" 8.	"	"	"	"	"	J. M. Robertson,	50	00
" 28.—By cash to Rev. F. B. Lee, for Diocesan Missions.....							50	00
" 17.—By Ex. chg's on $40 from St. Michael's, Marengo,.....								75
M'ch 14.—By Bishop Wilmer's Drafts, favor Rev. F. B. Lee,.....							100	00
" 26.	"	"	"	"		Rev. W. J. Perdue,.	50	00
April 1.	"	"	"	"		Self,.....	22	50
" 15.	"	"	"	"		Rev. J. M. Robertson,	40	00
" 30.	"	"	"	"		Rev. J. C. Waddill,.	53	05
May 1.	"	"	"	"		Rev. J. M. Banister,.	97	00
" 5.	"	"	"	"		Rev. Robert Aurey,.	25	00
" 7.	"	"	"	"		Rev. W. J. Perdue,.	100	00
" 8.	"	"	"	"		Rev. J. D. Easter,...	81	20
" 13.	"	"	"	"		Rev. F. B. Lee, .	100	00
" 14.—Balance, ...							220	98
							$2,227	08

1868.
May 14.—To balance brought forward, ... $220 98

JOSEPH W. FIELD,
Treasurer D. M. S.

Mobile, May 14th, 1868.

The following were elected Deputies to the General Convention:

Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL, J. M. BANISTER, F. R. HANSON, H. N. PIERCE, D. D.

Messrs. H. A. SCHRŒDER, N. H. R. DAWSON, JNO. D. PHELAN, G. A. GORDON.

The Report of the Especial Committee on Finance was adopted; and the Convention ordered that the blank in the resolutions be filled with the words "five thousand."

A communication in relation to the University of the South, was referred to a Committee, consisting of the Rev. JNO. M. MITCHELL, Messrs. W. T. WALTHALL and C. A. BRADFORD.

Alternate Delegates to the General Convention were elected, viz:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., S. M. BIRD, JNO. Y. GHOLSON, J. H. TICKNOR,

Messrs. A. BENNERS, W. P. BOCOCK, F. S. LYON, R. M. NELSON.

The Report of the Committee of three appointed by the last Convention to prepare articles for the organization of Parishes, was received and adopted.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund was received:

The Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund has no change in the condition of this Fund to report, except the addition of interest on amount of cash in his hands.

Amount of Permanent Fund, as per last report,...	$9,760 25	
Twelve months interest on cash in hands of Treas'r,	20 92	9,781 17
Amount of Special Fund, same as reported last year,		23,886 80
		$33,667 97
Deduct amount Confederate Securities,.....		8,424 62
Whole amount of both Funds,.....		$25,243 35

Which consists of		
Notes of individuals for loans made by Trustees,..	$3,031 06	
7 Bonds Ala. & Miss. Rivers R. R. Co., for $500 each,	3,500 00	
10 " Ala. & Fla. R. R. Co., of Fla., for $500,...	5,000 00	
2 Notes of Trustees of Hamner Hall,.....	4,968 18	
Notes of individuals in the various Parishes given to Special Fund,.....	8,461 66	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,.....	282 45	
		$25,243 35

A. R. BELL,
Treas'r Bishop's Fund, Diocese of Ala.

Montgomery, May 11th, 1868.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported:

"We find on page 33 of the last Journal, the reference to this Convention of the proposed change in Section 1, of Canon III, (now Sec. 2 of Canon I.) substituting the word *Communicants* for *Parishioners.*

Also, on the same page, we find that a Committee was appointed to report an Act of Incorporation for Church Homes, etc.

On page 39, we find that the Committee on Canons report a change in Article III. of the Constitution; which is to be ratified by this Convention."

On motion, it was resolved that the change in Art. III. of the Constitution be ratified, making the proviso to that Article read: "Provided that no clerical member shall be entitled to vote in the Convention unless he is a Presbyter, and shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Deputies, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same."

The Committee, on page 33 of last Journal, to report an act of incorporation for Church Homes, etc., was continued with instructions to report at next Convention.

On motion, the consideration of the proposed change in Section 1, Canon III., was made the first business in the order of the day for to-morrow.

Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE,
Saturday, May 16th, 1868.

Convention met, pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by the President.

The consideration of the proposed change in Section I., Canon III., was resumed; and, on motion, its further consideration was deferred to the next Convention.

The Committee on the Communication from the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, respectfully report, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese be and is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, on the part of this Diocese: *provided*, a meeting of said Board of Trustees is to be held between the occurrence of such vacancy and the Annual Convention of the Diocese next thereafter.

Resolved, 2d. That any Trustee of the aforesaid University, on the part of this Diocese, who may not be able to attend any approaching meeting of the Board of Trustees, be requested to notify the Ecclesiastical authority

of the Diocese of such inability as soon as practicable, and to place the resignation of his trusteeship in the hands of said authority to be subject to the discretionary action of said authority.

JNO. M. MITCHELL, Chairman.

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of JOSEPH W. FIELD, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the same, with the vouchers thereto attached, and find the accounts correctly stated.

R. M. NELSON. } *Committee.*
F. C. RANDOLPH, }

May 16th, 1868.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Rectors of Parishes who may have omitted to state in their Parochial Reports, the amounts contributed by their respective Parishes for the support of the Episcopate, be permitted to amend their Reports in this particular.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to whom shall be referred the Rules of Order for the Diocesan Convention, who shall report to the next Convention what changes or improvements therein are necessary or desirable.

The Rev. Drs. PIERCE, MASSEY and WILMER were appointed that Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address alluding to the Rev. Messrs. MENÆOS and JARRATT, reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of the Rev. James S. Jarratt and the Rev. A. Menæos, beg leave to report:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to remove from us our respected brethren, the Rev. JAS. S. JARRATT and the Rev. A MENÆOS; and, whereas, these brethren have long been identified with this Diocese, and endeared by their virtues to the members of this Convention, and the Church at large,

Resolved, That we retain an affectionate regard for their memory, that we thank God for their good examples, and pray that we may have grace so to follow them, that together with them we may be partakers of His everlasting kingdom.

Resolved, That we sympathize most heartily with the friends and relations of our deceased brethren, and with the Parishes which have been thus deprived of them.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention cause these proceedings to be published in the journals, and communicate the same to their respective families and to the authorities of their Parishes.

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Church in this land declares (in her 8th Article of Religion) her belief in the NICENE CREED; and whereas the Church allows the *Nicene Creed* in the office of the Holy Communion; and whereas, it is alleged that the translation of the Creed now in use is not sufficiently exact, and does not in all cases fully give the sense of the original Greek: therefore.

Resolved, That the Deputies of this Diocese to the General Convention be, and are hereby, instructed to bring this subject before the said Convention, and to suggest that the *Nicene Creed* in the original Greek, as set forth by the Church Catholic in her Œcumenical Councils, previous to the divis-

ion of the East and West, be printed before the Articles in the Prayer Pooks, and that an exact translation of the Creed so set forth be made for insertion in the Liturgy and Offices of this Church.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese shall meet in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the second Wednesday in May, 1869.

On motion, N. H. R. DAWSON was elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, and Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, A. G. MABRY and GEO. O. BAKER were elected Trustees of that Fund.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be authorized to draw on the income of said fund for any expense incurred in the discharge of their duties as such. And

WHEREAS, the loss to the Bishop's Fund by Confederate securities is ascertained and undoubted; therefore,

Resolved, That the Trustees be authorized to deduct two-fifths of this loss from the Permanent Fund, and three-fifths from the Special Fund: The amount of cash received by the Trustees of each fund bearing about this proportion to the whole.

CHAS. T. POLLARD was re-elected Trustee of Hamner Hall.

JOSEPH W. FIELD was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missions.

JAMES BOND was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by the President, to whom shall be referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Church Paper to be published in the Diocese.

The Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Messrs. C. A. BRADFORD and H. FARROW were appointed that Committee.

The Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., H. N. PIERCE, D. D., and F. B. LEE, were re-elected to serve as the Board of Preliminary Enquiry.

For the Ecclesiastical Court were elected, the Rev. Messrs. J. M. BANISTER, F. R. HANSON, and S. M. BIRD. The Rev. F. R. HANSON declining to serve, the Rev. J. M. MITCHELL was elected to supply the vacancy.

The Report and Resolutions of the Committee on a communication from the Trustees of the University of the South, were adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the Church Paper, reported as follows:

The Committee, &c., beg leave respectfully to report, that, in its judgment, such a paper as that about to be established in Montgomery, is much needed in this portion of the Church.

The Committee expresses its confident belief that under the charge of the Rev. J. H. Ticknor, as Editor, the Church Register will deserve and secure success; and it is therefore cordially recommended to the support not only of the Diocese, but of Churchmen generally.

G. T. WILMER, Chairman.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

The Committee on the State of the Church take pleasure in reporting that the Address of the Bishop and the Parochial Reports, indicate the steady growth of the Church in this Diocese.

The number of baptisms and confirmations for the past year is larger than ever reported at any previous Convention: Which, taken in connection with the fact that the number of confirmations reported at the last

Convention, largely exceeded that of any former year, calls for sincere and devout thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church.

In addition to this, the Committee refers, with peculiar pleasure and encouragement, to the manifestation of a disposition on the part of the Clergy and people of the Diocese, not only to work more zealously, but to expect and seek the largest and earliest results of their labors. They are beginning to call into requisition the various instrumentalities which the Church has placed within their reach, and to employ them with energy and with encouraging success.

Among these instrumentalities, the attention of the Committee has been called especially to the *Ministry of Children in the Church of Christ.*

Our Lord Himself has taught us by His example that their place is in their Heavenly Father's house; and that there, they must be about His business. We remember what important offices and positions were assigned them under the Old and New Dispensations. Isaac was the instrument through which the faith of Abraham was tried and perfected. It was through the Child Samuel, whose dwelling was the House of God, that the Divine will and purposes were communicated to Eli. The first Martyrs to Christ were Children. Their voices alone were heard in the Temple, celebrating the advent of Him who had come in the name of the Lord, while the heart of the nation was colder and harder than the stones, which were ready to cry out.

The offices of their ministry are now manifold, and should be classed among the most efficient instrumentalities by which the work of Christ and the Mission of the Church can be accomplished soonest and best. They are the acceptable Missionaries whom the Church may send to many almost heathen homes and Godless hearts. It is through their growing affection and enthusiasm that the life and zeal of many a congregation, cold and spiritless, has been kindled anew and advanced to the highest degree of religious interest and prosperity.

It is, therefore, with sincere pleasure that the Committee has observed the increasing appreciation of the efficiency of such means and instruments of real and fruitful Parish work, in certain parts of the Diocese, as the "Sheltering Arms," Orphan Asylums, Parish and Sunday Schools.

The Committee feels assured that these institutions can be advanced to the highest degree of efficiency, by preparing the Children, wherever it is practicable, to observe the several festivals of the ecclesiastical year—as living branches of the vine, as earnest laborers in the several portions of Christ's Vineyard. If these various festivals, Christmas, Easter, Whitsunday, be made attractive, pleasing and instructive, by means of joyous anthems and carols, by expressive symbolism and appropriate ceremonial, the Committee feels assured that these Schools will rapidly increase in numbers, and that they will soon become the perennial sources, not only of the higher forms of Christian character and life, advancing steadily to future fullness and maturity, but also of an immediate inspiration and well tempered enthusiasm, which will soon animate and energize the entire Church in the Diocese. The Committee is well satisfied, from facts which have come under the observation of its members, that the most powerful instrument of successful Parish work is to be found in the little children of the Church, rightly taught and thoroughly interested as working members of the "Body of Christ."

The Committee has learned with regret that the General Board of Domestic Missions has found it necessary to make a large reduction in the appropriation for Missions in this Diocese. This circumstance, taken in connection with the fact that the reports from the several Missionary fields in the Diocese were never before so encouraging, constrains the Committee

to call attention of the Church to the importance of adopting some more certain method of raising funds for the self-denying and efficient Missionaries now laboring in these important portions of the Diocese.

The Committee refers with pleasure to the encouraging fact, that a Church Journal is about to be established in this State; and heartily responds to the wishes and hopes expressed by the Bishop, in commending the same to the enlarged liberality and warmest interests of Churchmen. Started by a devoted lay-man, and under the editorial control of a clergyman in whose literary ability and sound Churchmanship this Committee has all confidence, it is earnestly recommended that each Clerical and Lay deputy, do at once all in his power to secure a large and remunerative circulation to the new paper.

The Committee gives the following as the result of its examination of the Parochial Reports placed in its hands:

Baptisms	550
Confirmations	363
Communicants	2,001

J. M. BANISTER, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully submit the following report:

The Committee have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find the same to be correct, with the exception of a clerical error of twenty cents in extending an item of expenditure.

They find on examination of the Treasurer's Report for previous years that there still remains due and unpaid, of the Bishop's salary—

For the year ending May 1st, 1866	$280 34
" " " " " 1st, 1867	314 10
Making the total to May 1st, 1868	$594 44

The Committee also find that the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund had on hand, May 1st, 1868, the sum of $282 45, belonging to that fund, and they recommend that the Treasurer be instructed to pay over to the Bishop this amount on account of arrearages above reported, and that any further accumulations of interest collected on account of said fund be paid over from time to time in like manner until such arrearages are paid.

The Committee further recommend that the appropriation of $5,000 made by the Convention for the support of the Episcopate be as follows:

$4,000 for the salary of the Bishop, payable quarterly.
500 for the annuity of Mrs. Cobbs, and
500 for the contingent and general Diocesan expenses.

The Committee find upon an examination of the Parochial reports that the number of communicants in the Diocese on May 1st, 1868, was 2,001, and an assessment of the various Parishes upon the bases of two and 50-100 dollars for each communicant will be required to secure the amount of $5,000: they therefore recommend that the Secretary be instructed to certify the amount needed from each Parish, according to the ratio above named, and that the Rectors thereof be requested to make and remit their collections to the Treasurer, as early as possible, in order that the system of quarterly payments may be carried into practical effect.

FRANCIS B. CLARK,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

Mobile, May 16, 1868.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rectors and Parishioners of the Churches in Mobile, for their courtesy and hospitality to its members.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed by the Bishop to take into consideration the propriety of dividing the Diocese into Convocations, and the rules and laws by which they should be governed; and that this committee be instructed to report at the next Convention.

The Rev. Messrs. HANSON, GHOLSON and COBBS, and Messrs. A. BENNERS and A. S. JEFFRIES were appointed that Committee.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be authorized to contract for the publication of three hundred copies of the Journal of this Convention, and to assess the cost of the same upon the different Parishes in proportion to the number of communicants in each, and to distribute the Journals in the same proportion: *Provided*, That any Parish which may within twenty days from this date, notify the Secretary that it does not wish any copies of the Journal, may be exempt from this assessment.

The Committee of three appointed at the last Convention to "draft articles for the organization of the Parishes," made their report as follows:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDED FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to enjoy the privileges of religious worship and instruction, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have this day of A. D. at in the State of Alabama, formed ourselves into a congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I.—This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Church.

ART. II.—This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and adopts the Constitution Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

ART. III.—When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of Vestrymen, of being elected, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association.

ART. IV.—The Vestrymen of Church, shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose; and if the election shall fail to be effected on Easter Monday, then it shall be had as soon thereafter as may be; notice to that effect having been given publicly to the congregation on the preceding Sunday, or some other convenient occasion previous to the day of election. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office for one year, or until others are chosen.

ART. V.—The Rector of Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose: they having due regard in all such election to the previously ascertained wishes of the members of the congregation, and especially, of the communicants of the Church.

ART. VI.—No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister or associate Rector or Minister of Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the sacred ministry in the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the

same, as an Ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing; Provided, That nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any regular Ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in good standing, and not known to be discountenanced by the authority aforesaid, to officiate occasionally in the Church; or to interfere with the performance of the usual services by Lay readers duly appointed to officiate in the Congregation in the absence of the Minister.

ART. VII.—The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues, raised by this Association or Congregation, shall be from time to time applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purposes whatever.

ART. VIII.—This Association or the "Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Church," or other persons in whose names the property of Church may be vested, shall not, by deed, or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop having charge of the Diocese, under his hand; or, if there be no such Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese, by a majority thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages, hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatsoever.

ART IX.—In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his Canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same place or its vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present Church and Association.

The Report was received, and the Committee discharged.

After chanting the *gloria in excelsis*, and prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

RICH'D H. WILMER, President.

J. H. TICKNOR, Secretary.

Diocesan Officers.

Standing Committee.

Rev J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Mobile, President.
Rev. G T. WILMER, D. D., Mobile, Secretary.
Rev H. N. PIERCE, D. D , Mobile.
Messrs. F. E. GORDON, W. G. JONES, F. B. CLARK.

Ecclesiastical Court.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. BANISTER, J. M. MITCHELL, and S. M. BIRD.

Board of Preliminary Enquiry.

Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D , H. N. PIERCE, D. D., and F. B. LEE.

Deputies to General Convention.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. MITCHELL,	Messrs. H. A. SHRŒDER,
J. M. BANISTER,	N. H. R. DAWSON,
F. R. HANSON,	JNO. D. PHELAN,
H. N. PIERCE, D. D.,	G. A. GORDON.

Alternates.

Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D ,	Messrs. A. BENNERS,
S. M. BIRD,	W. P. BOCOCK,
JNO. Y. GHOLSON,	F. S. LYON,
J. H TICKNOR,	R. M. NELSON.

Trustees of Bishop's Fund.

Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, Treas'r, GEO. O. BAKER, and A. G. MABRY.

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No. 2.—SAM'L G. JONES, No. 4.—T. B. TAYLOR.

Secretary of Convention.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Montgomery.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN, AND OF THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF DECEASED CLERGYMEN.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE,
Saturday, May 16, 1868.

The Society was called to order by the Bishop. The following members were present: Rt. Rev. Bishop Wilmer, Rev. Messrs. Hanson, Lee, Mitchell, Waddill, Ticknor, and Cobbs, and Mr. N. H. R. Dawson.

R. H. Cobbs was elected Secretary. A communication was received from the Treasurer, and read to the Society.

The following Standing Committee was elected: Rev. Messrs. Hanson Lee, Mitchell, Waddill and Cobb, and Mr. Dawson.

On motion, this Committee was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Society for funds to pay the annuities of Mrs. Cobbs, up to date.

On motion, the same Committee was authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the payment of fifty dollars to Mrs. Derby.

On motion, the thanks of the Society were tendered to the Treasurer, Mr. Beirne, for his past services, and he was earnestly requested to continue his work.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to obtain from the Treasurer, a statement of the dues of each member.

On motion, the Society adjourned.

RICH'D H. WILMER,
President *Ex-officio.*

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

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*Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop,.....Mobile.
Rev. J. M. BANNISTER, Church of the Nativity,.....Huntsville.
" T. L. BANNISTER, (Deacon,) assisting the Rector at Trinity Church,.....Mobile.
" *T. J. BEARD, (Evangelist.) North Alabama,.....Huntsville.
" *S. M. BIRD, St. Paul's Church,.....Selma.
" *W. J. BOONE, (Deacon) officiating at St. James' Ch., Eufaula.
" *R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,.....Greensboro'.
" *T. A. COOK,†.....Talladega.
" F. W. DAMUS, Church at Whistler,.....Mobile.
" †JOHN FULTON, D. D., Christ's Church,.....Mobile.
" *JOHN Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church,.....Faunsdale.
" †WM. M. GUILFORD,.....Nickajack,Tenn.
" *F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Ch., Macon P. O.,..Demopolis.
" *SAM'L S. HARRIS, † (Deacon,) officiating at St. John's Church,.....Montgomery.
" *F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,.....Carlowville.
" *J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,.....Mobile.
" *B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church,.....Tallassee.
" †R. D. NEVIUS, St. John's Church,.....Mobile.
" W. J. PERDUE, St. Paul's Church,.....Lowndesboro'.
" †S. F. PHILLIPS, (residing out of the Diocese.)
" †J. B. RAMSDELL, (whereabouts unknown.)
" J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary North Alabama,...Huntsville.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,..Eutaw.
" *J. F. SMITH, Mount Meigs Mission,.....Snowden.
" *W. A. STICKNEY, Canebrake Mission,.....Faunsdale.
" *J. H. TICKNOR, Editor, Greenville Mission,.....Montgomery.
" *J. C. WADDILL,.....Selma.
" *PHILIP A. FITTS,‡ (Deacon,).....Tuskaloosa.

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance. Those marked thus (†) not entitled to seats.
‡Was ordained during the Convention.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'.

*C. L. STICKNEY, *A. H. BENERS,
R. B. WALLER, A. BENNERS. A. B. PITTMAN,

St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville.

D. BUELL, S. M. WILSON,
H. POSEY, H. HERBERT.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

J. D. PHELAN, JOSIAH MORRIS,
*F. C. RANDOLPH, *W. F. SMITH, A. R. BELL.

St. Michael's Parish, Marengo Co.

*DAVID MINGE, W. M. SELDON,
R. H. ADAMS, A. J. BETHEA, R. N. HARRIS, JR.

Trinity Parish, Mobile.

C. A. BRADFORD, *H. J. ROFF,
W. G. JONES, *M. E. MACARTNEY, *W. H. FOWLER.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

*EDWIN SHIELD, *D. A. BOYD.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion.

E. L. STICKNEY, P. LOCKETT,
*J. F. KNIGHT. J. WALTHALL, *J. J. SEAWELL.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma.

*W. J. HARDEE, *N. H. R. DAWSON,
*BENJ. H. RIGGS, *T. B. ROY, *JOHN P. MITCHELL.

Christ's Parish, Tuskaloosa.

*P. BRYCE. *J. H. GLASCOCK,
†P. A. FITTS, D. M. VAN HOOSE, W. F. PIERCE.

St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes County.

*R. P. MCCORD.

St. Andrew's Parish, Macon.

HENRY A. TAYLOE, WILLIS P. BOCOCK,
JAS. A. DUBOSE, *REUBEN DUGGAR. WAVERLY DUGGAR,

St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville.

*D. P. FORNEY, WM. T. ALEXANDER,
DAN'L HOKE, DAN'L F. HOKE, JOHN M. WYLY.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

*F. S. LYON, H. W. REESE,
WM. G. CLARKE, JAMES WHITFIELD, *W. H. BEATTY.

St. John's Parish, Elyton.

*NATHANIEL HAWKINS.

Those marked thus (*) were in attendance.
†Admitted to the Diconate on fourth day of Convention.

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA,
Wednesday Morning, May 12th, 1869.

This being the time and place for the meeting of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, the Clergy and Laity assembled for Divine Service at 11 o'clock A. M.

Morning prayer was read by the Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., R. H. COBBS, W. A. STICKNEY and J. H. TICKNOR; the ante-Communion Service by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. HANSON and HARRIS; and the Sermon by the Rev. J. F. SMITH, from the text, Matt. 6:10:

"Thy Kingdom come."

The Holy Communion was then administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. F. R. HANSON.

The Bishop called the Convention to order, and presented the following list of Clergy entitled to seats, viz:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER,	Rev. T. J. BEARD,
" S. M. BIRD,	" R. H. COBBS,
" F. W. DAMUS,	" F. R. HANSON,
" F. R. HANSON,	" F. B. LEE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" S. U. SMITH,	" J. F. SMITH,
" W. A STICKNEY,	" J. H. TICKNOR,

Rev. J. C. WADDILL.

Their names being called, the following were found present:

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. T. J. BEARD,	Rev. S. M. BIRD,
" R. H. COBBS,	" F. R. HANSON,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" J. H. TICKNOR,	" J. C. WADDILL.

The list of Parishes was then called. Certificates of election were referred to the appropriate Committee, consisting of the Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS, S. U. SMITH and J. C. WADDILL.

The Committee reported Certificates in due form, entitling to seats in the Committee the following Lay Deputies, viz:

St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'.—C. L. Stickney, R. B. Waller, A. H. Benners, A. B. Pittman and A. Benners.

St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville.—D. Buell, H. Posey, S. M. Wilson, H Herbert.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery.—J. D. Phelan, F. C. Randolph, Josiah Morris, W. F. Smith, A. R. Bell.

St. Michael's Parish, Marengo.—David Minge, R. H. Adams, W. M. Seldon, A. J. Bethea, R. N. Harris, Jr.

Trinity Parish, Mobile.—C. A. Bradford, W. G. Jones, H. J. Roff, M. E. Macartney, W. H. Fowler.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.—Edwin Shield, D. A. Boyd.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion.—E. L. Stickney, J. F. Knight, P. Lockett, J. Walthall, J. J. Seawell.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma.—W. J. Hardee, Benj. H. Riggs, N. H. R. Dawson, T. B. Roy, John P. Mitchell.

Christ's Parish, Tuskaloosa.—P. Bryce, P. A. Fitts, J. H. Glascock, D. M. Van Hoose, W. F. Pierce.

St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes.—R. P. McCord.

Their names being called, the following were found present:

Messrs. C. L. Stickney, W. F. Smith, F. C. Randolph, M. E. Macartney, D. A. Boyd, H. H. Fowler, Edwin Shield, J. F. Knight, J. J. Seawell, W. J. Hardee, N. H. R. Dawson, J. P. Mitchell, T. B. Roy, B. H. Riggs, P. Bryce, P. A. Fitts, R. P. McCord.

The Bishop then announced a constitutional quorum present, and the Convention duly organized.

Rev. J. H. Ticknor resigned the Secretaryship of the Convention, and R. M. Nelson was elected to that office.

Rev. Dr. Massey inquired as to the adoption of "Rules of Order."

The Chair ruled a motion to adopt "Rules" in order.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., it was

Resolved, That the "Rules of Order" of 1867, be adopted as the "Rules of Order" of this Convention, excepting Rule 10th, which shall be so amended as that the last clause shall read, "and motions to adjourn and for the previous question shall be decided without debate."

On the call for Applications of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention, there was no response, and the chair was about to proceed with the appointment of the Standing Committees, when the Rev. S. M. Bird moved to adjourn. Mr. Dawson objected, and the motion was withdrawn.

On motion of the Rev. S. U. Smith, it was

Resolved, That the Deacons present, Clergymen not entitled to Seats, and Candidates for Orders, be invited to seats on the floor of the Convention.

Mr. Dawson offered the following:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, to continue in session until 11 o'clock, when it will take a recess for Morning Service, after which it will be called to order and remain in session until 3 P. M.

Rev. Mr. Hanson spoke in opposition.

Mr. Randolph offered as a substitute the following:

That when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet daily at 9 A. M., to continue in session till 3 P. M.

Gen. Hardee inquired if the substitute excluded the sermon. The chair replied that it did.

Rev. Mr. Stickney favored the substitute, and was opposed by the Rev. Mr. Hanson.

The substitute was then adopted.

The Bishop announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. W. A. Stickney, J. A. Massey, D. D., J. H. Ticknor, and Messrs. R. P. McCord, W. J. Hardee and Edwin Shield.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. F. B. Hanson, R. H. Cobbs, S. U. Smith, and Messrs. T. B. Roy, F. C. Randolph, M. E. Macartney.

Committee on Finance.—N. H. R. Dawson, P. Bryce, C. L. Stickney, A. Bell, J. J. Seawell.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. J. F. Smith, T. J. Beard.

And the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, (Thursday.)

St. Paul's Church, Selma,
Thursday, May 13th, 1869.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the President.

On the calling of the roll, the Reverend Messrs. B. F. Mower, F. B. Lee, and Messrs. A. H. Benners, H. J. Roff and J. H. Glascock appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read, amended and approved.

The Committee on Credentials then reported a certificate from St. Andrew's Church, Macon, in due form, entitling to seats in the Convention the following Lay Deputies:

Henry A. Taylor, Willis P. Bocock, Jas. A. DuBose, Waverly Duggar, Reuben Duggar.

The roll of the Deputies being called, Reuben Duggar appeared and took his seat.

The Rev. B. F. Mower presented Articles of Association from St. Mary's Church, Tallassee, which were read by the Secretary, and on motion of Rev. J. H. Ticknor, it was

Resolved, That the application of the Church of St. Mary's be accepted and that Church admitted into union with the Convention.

The Bishop had read by the Secretary, a List of the Clergy, Canonically Resident in the Diocese of Alabama.

Edwin Shield was appointed by the Bishop Treasurer *pro tem.* of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, to receive moneys in the hands of the Deputies.

Rev. J. A. Massey, President, read

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully report that during the past year they have recommended to the Bishop, as candidates for Holy Orders, Messrs. Woolhopter, Waddill, Davis and Norton, and they have given consent to the consecration as Bishops, to the Rev. Drs. Littlejohn, Doane and Huntington, elected respectively to the Dioceses of Long Island Albany, and Central New York.

Vacancies in the Committee, caused by the removal from the Diocese of the Rev. Drs. Pierce and Wilmer, were filled by the election of the Rev. Dr. Fulton and the Rev. Mr. Nevius, and the last named was elected Secretary.

(Signed) J. A. MASSEY, Pres't.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.

BISHOP WILMER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA—MAY, 1869.

Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

I present to you the following report of my labors for the past year:

May 13th, 1868, I met the Diocesan Convention in Christ Church, Mobile, and, after an appropriate sermon by the Rev. J. H. Ticknor, I celebrated the Holy Communion. This and the three days following, were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

17th. (Fifth Sunday after Easter.) At Christ Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. John M. Mitchell, I confirmed eight persons; in the afternoon of the same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, I confirmed fourteen persons at St. John's Church.

24th. (Sunday after Ascension Day.) I preached in St. John's Church, Mobile.

31st. (Whitsunday.) I preached, morning and evening, in St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed eleven persons; I also celebrated the Holy Communion.

June 1st and 2d. (Monday and Tuesday in Whitsun-week.) I officiated in St. John's Church, Montgomery.

3d. Preached at Tallassee, and confirmed ten persons.

4th. Preached in Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and confirmed eight persons.

5th. I preached at Crawford, Russell County.

6th. On this, and the succeeding day, I preached at Sand Fort, confirming two persons, baptizing one infant and celebrating the Holy Communion. On the evening of the 6th, (being Trinity Sunday,) I preached again at Crawford and confirmed four persons.

From the last named point I proceeded to rejoin my family in Virginia. I do not deem it necessary to give a detailed account of the occasional services which I rendered during my summer sojourn in my native State. Suffice it to state that I preached constantly, as opportunity offered, and baptized several children. I also state, that at the request of the Bishop of Maryland, I visited several points in his Diocese, en route for the meeting of the General Convention, and confirmed twenty-three persons.

Oct. 7th. I attended the opening services of the General Convention in Trinity Church, New York City, and continued in attendance upon the sessions of that body until within a few days of their termination. I hastened immediately from New York to Mobile, in order that I might, as far as I was able, supply the great lack of service from which the Diocese was at that time suffering. From the time of my return to Mobile, until the last of December, I continued to supply the vacancy at Christ Church—officiating at Spring Hill also, as I had opportunity.

Nov. 12th. In Trinity Church, Mobile, I admitted to Deacon's Orders, T. Lewis Banister. The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. Massey, the Rector of the Church; the sermon was preached by myself. Mr. Banister was assigned to duty under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Massey. On the same day, in the presence of the Rev. Dr. Massey and the Rev. Geo. W. Stickney, I deposed from the ministry of this Church, John H. Meili, late a Presbyter of this Diocese—he having notified me of his relinquishment of the duties of the ministry, and having declared to me in writing his determination not to officiate in any of the duties thereof.

Nov. 18th. I joined together in Holy Matrimony, Clarence P. Field and Fannie A. Tuthill.

Dec. 6th. (Second Sunday in Advent.) In St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, baptized eleven children.

29th. I officiated at a funeral from Christ Church, Mobile.

Jan. 1st, 1869. At St. John's Church, Mobile, I celebrated Divine Service and the Holy Communion, setting apart for ministering unto orphan children one of the Probationers of the "Church Home for Orphans," and receiving her into the order of Deaconesses.

2d. In St. John's Church, Montgomery, I baptized two adults and one infant.

3d. (Second Sunday after Christmas Day.) I officiated morning and evening, celebrating the Holy Communion and confirming fifteen persons. I also visited a sick person and celebrated Holy Communion in private on the afternoon of the same day. I remained several days in Montgomery, and did what I could to supply the absence of a Pastor. It was very sad to me to miss from his accustomed place the Rev. John M. Mitchell, so long the Rector of this important Parish. He had long felt it to be his duty to take another charge, but I could not without the deepest regret, grant him "Letters Dimissory" to another Diocese.

Mr. Mitchell had been so long identified with this Diocese, and had discharged so many important trusts with efficiency and fidelity, that I felt that the whole Diocese had met with a great loss in his removal.

10th. (First Sunday after the Epiphany.) Officiated in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

17th. Second Sunday after the Epiphany.) Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed nine persons.

22d. Preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, morning and evening.

23d. Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, morning and evening.

24th. Septuagesima Sunday.) At Trinity Church, Florence, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized two children.

In the evening of the same day I preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia. There is no resident minister at either of the two last named places. The Rev. Mr. Beard officiates at both places, in connection with his mission as Evangelist in North Alabama.

26th. I preached at Decatur, and consecrated the building recently erected here under the name of "St. Paul's Church." Sermon by myself. I have in a former address referred to the circumstances connected with the building of this Church. They are of sufficient interest to call for a more extended notice.

When I visited Decatur, shortly after the close of the war, I found only four buildings remaining of what had once been a thriving and quite considerable town. One of these houses—a hastily erected building of clapboards—was occupied by Mr. William B. McCollum, a most earnest and devout Churchman. The upper part of the house was occupied by his family, the lower used by him as a shop. This little room served a holier purpose on every Sunday. Laying aside the implements of his trade, and filling up every available space with benches, Mr. McCollum collected here the children of the town and adjacent country, and taught them the Holy Service of the Church. It was here I first met with him, and had the pleasure of baptizing and confirming some of the children of this school at every visitation. He soon purchased a lot, started a subscription for a Church, and, notwithstanding every disadvantage, the Church is completed and paid for, and it was my great pleasure to consecrate it to the worship of God at this visitation. There was but one thing that seemed to be wanting upon the day of the consecration. We missed the earnest worker to whose zeal and self-denial, under God, we owed the erection of this Church. He was not present with us in the flesh. He had been summoned from

this land to the upper Sanctuary. All that is mortal of him lies near the Chancel window—a most appropriate resting place for one, who preferred Jerusalem above his chief joy.

May the record of this good man's doings stir up others to attempt great things for God and his Church.

On the evening of the same day, I preached in St. Paul's again, and confirmed two persons.

27th. Preached at Athens, morning and evening, and in the House of Worship kindly offered for our use by the Cumberland Presbyterians. In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed a sick man in private. Measures have been taken for the erection of a Church at this point. A lot has been donated for the purpose, and about $500 have been collected.

28th. Preached near Mooresville, in a private house, and in the afternoon, at the Station House near by on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, I confirmed two persons.

29th. Preached at Madison Station and confirmed two persons in private. There is no Church at this point, but the country around is gradually recovering, and I look, at no distant day, for the establishment here of a good congregation. Madison Station, and all the points named up to this time upon this visitation, are under the pastoral care of the Rev. T. J. Beard, officiating as an Evangelist. North Alabama is destined to be an important part of the Diocese, and the importance of planting the standard of the Church at these numerous outposts cannot easily be overrated.

30th. Preached in Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, morning and evening.

31st. (Sexagesima.) Preached in same Church and celebrated Holy Communion; in the afternoon catechized and addressed the children of the congregation, and in the evening preached again and confirmed twenty-three persons. This important congregation continues steadily to grow. Much of the influence which this Church exerts upon the community, is due to the Parochial School, which gathers to the Sunday School and confirmation class that portion of the population, which ordinarily, it is found most difficult to reach. I hope to see the same system carried out in all of our Parishes where it may be found practicable.

Feb. 1st. Preached in a private house in Mayesville and confirmed one person.

6th. Preached morning and evening in St. James' Church, Eufaula.

7th. (Quinquagesima Sunday.) At St. James' Church, Eufaula, preached and celebrated Holy Communion; in the evening preached again and confirmed nine persons. The Rev. W. J. Boone, (Deacon, late of the Diocese of Georgia, from which he has been transferred at my request) is officiating in this Church. It has been very grateful to me to see the son of my old friend (the late Bishop Boone, of the China Mission) following in the footsteps of his father.

10th. (Ash-Wednesday.) I held an ordination in St. John's Church, Montgomery, and admitted to Deacon's Orders, Samuel Smith Harris. The candidate was presented by the Rev. J. F. Smith; the sermon was preached by myself. Mr. Harris was temporarily assigned to duty in the vacant Parish of St. John's Church, Montgomery. The ordination of Mr. Harris was made particularly interesting from the fact that he is a native Alabamian. When shall we see more of our young men dedicating themselves to God in the ministry of His Church?

14th. (1st Sunday in Lent.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

17th. Attended Litany Service in same Church.

21st. (Second Sunday in Lent.) Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile.

This occasion was made particularly interesting from the fact that the Rev. R. D. Nevius, who in former years had been so closely identified with the Diocese, officiated for the first time as Rector of the Church. He will be warmly welcomed into the Diocese of Alabama by his numerous friends among the clergy and laity. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

March 5th. I officiated at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed two persons.

7th. (4th Sunday in Lent.) Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed three persons; celebrating also the Holy Communion. In the afternoon I attended Trinity Church and addressed the children of the congregation.

15th. (Fifth Sunday in Lent.) Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, morning and evening, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

15th. Officiated in same Church and baptized one adult and five children; sermon by the Rev. S. U. Smith.

At night I preached again in same Church.

16th. Preached in same Church and confirmed two persons.

17th and 18th. Preached on both days at the closing service, confirming three persons and celebrating the Holy Communion. It was most gratifying to me to witness the zeal and interest of this, one of the oldest congregations in the Diocese. Notwithstanding the perversion of their late officiating minister, the connregation had held steadily together. I left Tuskaloosa much cheered by the signs of interest and devotion on the part of the congregation. The Vestry had unanimously called a Rector, and without difficulty made provisions for his support.

20th. Preached morning and evening at St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

21st. (Sunday next before Easter.) Preachrd at same Church morning and evening and confirmed six persons.

23d. (Tuesday before Easter.) Freached at St. Wilfrid's Marion, morning and evening.

24th. (Wednesday before Easter.) Preached in same Church, confirming ten persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

26th. (Good Friday.) Preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

27th. (Easter Even.) Preached at St. David's, Dallas county, confirming three persons and celebrating Holy Communion. After further service, colebrated Holy Communion, in private, with a sick person.

28th. Held early morning service in the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and baptized an adult. At the 11 o'clock service, I preached and confimred two persons, celebrating also the Holy Communion.

30th. (Tuesday in Easter Week.) Preached at St. Luke's, Cahaba, confirming eight persons and celebrating the Holy Communion. The Rev. S. M. Bird preached the sermon at the afternoon service.

April 4th. (First Sunday after Easter.) Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and after an address by the Rev. Mr. Ticknor, confirmed twelve persons. This service was rendered particularly interesting from the fact that the candidates were, in large part, the fruits of Sunday School training among a portion of our population hitherto ignorant of the services of the Church, and indeed, destitute of all religious knowledge. Our Laity should take great encouragement from this and similar examples to which, from time to time, I have called their attention. Such efforts result in incalculable blessings to themselves and their neighbors.

11th. Preached morning and evening at "Whistler"; at the latter service confirming nineteen persons.

18th. (Third Sunday after Easter.) Preached at Trinity Church, Mo-

bile, and confirmed nineteen persons. In the afternoon I preached at the Church of the "Good Shepherd" and confirmed five persons. In the evening I preached again at Trinity Church.

20th. Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by Rev. Dr. Massey.

25th. (Fourth Sunday after Easter, being also St. Mark's Day.) Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed nine persons; celebrating also the Holy Communion. In the afternoon catechized the children of the congregation.

28th. In St. John's Church, Mobile, I set apart with appropriate services a probationer of the "Church Home"; celebrating also the Holy Communion.

May 1st. (St. Philip's and St. James' Day.) In Trinity Church, Mobile, I confirmed nine persons.

2d. (Fifth Sunday after Easter.) I preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed thirty-three persons, celebrating also the Holy Communion. After public service I confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. R. D. Nevius. In the afternoon catechized and addressed the children of St. John's Church, Mobile.

4th. I visited Claiborne and joined together in Holy Matrimony, Harry T. Toulmin and Mary M. Henshaw.

5th. I preached at Claiborne and baptized two children.

7th. I preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

8th. I preached again in the same Church, baptizing (at the request of the Rector) three children, and confirming nine persons, and celebrating Holy Communion.

9th. (Sunday after Ascension Day.) Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo county, confirming nine persons, (eight of whom were from Dayton)—and a Mission Point under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. A. Stickney—and celebrating Holy Communion. In the afternoon I officiated at Faunsdale Chapel, Marengo county.

10th. I preached at Dayton and baptized three children, by request of the Missionary in charge.

This account of my official labors brings me up to the present moment of time, and I have to record with gratitude to God, that I have been able to meet every appointment without interruption from sickness or other causes. I have found in my visitations much cause for encouragement, notwithstanding that the Diocese has suffered to such an unusual extent from the loss of her Clergy by removal to other Dioceses. We are gradually filling up the existing vacancies, and hope ere long to regain all and more than we have lost.

It will be seen from my report that I have visited nearly all of the Parishes and Mission Points since our last Convention. It is my purpose to continue my visitations after the adjournment of the Convention, until every occupied point in the State shall have received Episcopal visitation.

The summary of my official acts since the adjournment of the last Convention, is as follows, viz:

Deacons Ordained,	2
Candidates for Holy Orders received,	4
Churches Consecrated,	1
Baptisms—Adults, 8; Infants, 24. Total,	32
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	1
Confirmations, viz: In Maryland, 23; Alabama, 286. Total,	309
Lay Readers licensed	7

I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. Drs. LITTLEJOHN, DOANE and HUNTINGTON to the Episcopates of Long Island, Albany and Central New York, respectively.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—I have issued "Letters Dimissory" to the Rev. J. M. CURTIS to the Diocese of Kentucky; to the Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL to Diocese of Georgia; to Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., to Diocese of Illinois; to Rev. ED. MCCLURE to Diocese of Florida; to Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., to Diocese of North Carolina; to Rev. J. D. EASTER, Ph. D., to Diocese of Missouri.

I have received into the Diocese of Alabama, with "Letter Dimissory," Rev. W. J. BOONE, (Deacon,) and Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., from the Diocese of Georgia, and the Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, from the Diocese of Pittsburg. I have received notice of the deposition from the sacred ministry of the following persons—late clergymen of the church—viz:

Of W. K. ROGERS—deposed by the Bishop of Ohio; R. DOBYN, by the Bishop of Western New York; W. G. STEWART, by the Bishop of Virginia; DAVID KERR, by Missionary Bishop of Arkansas; J. W. ROGERS, by the Bishop of Tennessee; G. BEDELL KEEN, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; SAMUEL HERMANN, by the Bishop of Nebraska.

MR. H. P. LEFEBVRE.

Since our last meeting together, we have been called upon to lament the death of Mr. H. P. LEFEBVRE, the late Rector of Hamner Hall, Montgomery. There are very few laymen in our midst whose loss would be so seriously felt. Apart from his singular efficiency as a teacher, he possessed unusual aptitude for the parochial work. He was principally instrumental in organizing the Young Men's Association of the Church in Montgomery; in establishing the Parochial School in the same city; in sustaining the Bishop Cobbs Orphans' Home; and generally, in holding up the hands of his Pastor in every good work. Besides all these undertakings, upon which he entered with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, Mr. Lefebvre was beginning to take a lively interest in promoting church enterprises throughout the Diocese, and we all felt our hearts warmed by the glow of his earnest and generous nature. He has entered into rest, and his works do follow him. May God raise up among us many men like-minded and gifted.

My visitations have occupied me so incessantly up to the present moment, that I have not found time to make any extended remarks in this annual address to the Convention. I cannot close this report without making a few suggestions, however brief.

THE CHURCH REGISTER.

You are all aware that in pursuance of the action of the Convention at its session in May, 1868, the CHURCH REGISTER was started early in June. When I take into consideration all the circumstances connected with this undertaking—the unpropitious season of the year, the limited support extended by those from whom he had reason to expect the most cordial response—the consequently increased labors of the Editor, who gave himself, body, soul and spirit, to the work, in connection with an arduous missionary duty—I am at a loss to express myself adequately in commendation of the good brother who has labored so unselfishly and untiringly in the position to which he was assigned. The position sought him; he did not seek, but rather shrunk from the position. There is a tale of patient endurance in connection with the history of this enterprise upon which I do not feel privileged thus publicly to enter. Were it known to the Church, it would awaken the liveliest sympathy and co-operation on the part of all our good people. I have now traversed pretty much the whole Diocese

since the commencement of the publication of this paper, and I have been much gratified to find how fully our people—especially in the rural Parishes—appreciate the CHURCH REGISTER. It has more than realized my own expectations. If all our clergy and laity will do, what some have already done, we shall need nothing more to ensure the success of the enterprise. It has already accomplished incalculable good; what more shall be done will depend upon our individual interest and support.

Let me say a word in regard to

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

I have at different times, and in different ways brought this subject to the attention of the Convention. At the last Convention I received from the clergy such assurances and even pledges of support as relieved me from all anxiety for the year then beginning. But I am sorry to say those pledges were not fully and promptly redeemed. At the close of the first six months—say the last of October—there were not $50 in the Treasury. And yet I had made pledges to the Missionaries employed, and these pledges were hypothecated upon the assurances given me by the Clergy. Practically, the Bishop is made the collector, as well as the dispensor, of the missionary fund. I hope that this whole subject may come up before the Convention in some practical form, and that such measures may be adopted as will render more systematic and effective the Missionary work of the Diocese.

Brethren, beloved, if you would go through this Diocese with me and see the good that could be effected in the circulation of books and tracts among a people eager to read the literature of the Church; in helping feeble Parishes to build Churches and support their clergy; in educating young men for the sacred ministry, etc., you would, I feel assured, extend to me more systematic and reliable co-operation. Consider for a moment—let the clergy bring this statement before their people—that I could fully support six Evangelists, educate as many young men, and start the building annually of as many new Churches, if the Diocese would only give me—all that I have ever asked for the mission work—a dime per week from each communicant!

And, yet, what does the report of the Treasurer show? That less than two cents per week has been given by the communicants of the Church for the Missionary work of the Diocese!

Now, brethren, let us resolve that this state of things shall go on no longer. That our people are not willing to contribute the amount asked, I cannot believe—that they are unable to do so, is equally incredible. The difficulty is solely in the want of—*system.*

This Convention could not bestow its attention upon a more practically important matter than in devising some mode of rendering our Missionary work more effective. At present the whole matter is in the hands of the Bishop. He is not unwilling to do the work; nor does he shrink from the responsibility involved. Yet it may be, another system, which would include a greater number in the responsibility, might be found to work more effectively. The whole matter should receive our fullest consideration. We have a goodly heritage; the hearts of the people of this State are turned towards the Church as I have never before known them to be turned. Brethren, I could fain sometimes sit down and weep over my utter inability to meet all the demands that are made upon me from every section and locality of the State. The care of the Churches is a heavy weight upon the shoulders of a Bishop; but the care for those places where there should be Churches, and yet are not, is a more grievous care still.

This brings me to the consideration of another subject intimately connected with the foregoing, and involving a matter of still greater moment—the want of Clergy.

I cannot elaborate upon this point. It furnishes matter for volumes. It cannot be adequately treated in this incidental way. I propose to indicate in the briefest way what I am doing, what I propose to do, and what we must all do, if we would recruit, upon some sure basis, the ranks of the Clergy, and lay the foundation of growth for the Church in time to come.

Now, have we not strangely drifted away from the practice of the primitive and Apostolic Church in regard to this matter of the sacred ministry? We are waiting for men to feel themselves called to the exercise of the sacred ministry. Are we calling men to the ministry as they were called in Apostolic times? When in the course of time there was need of the Diaconate, did the Church wait until certain young men felt themselves called to exercise the office of Deacon in the Church of God? Not at all. In fact, the men who are most confident as to their call and fitness for the ministry, are, as a frequent, if not general rule, most painfully deficient. Modesty and humility are usually the companions of solid merit. Many men feel themselves called to the sacred ministry whom the Church would never have called, and whom her Bishops most reluctantly and doubtingly ordain. No, brethren, the Apostles called upon the multitude of believerss—the Laity who are good judges of the fitness of men to minister unto them—"to look out for men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom," whom they (the Apostles) might "appoint over this business." Those men, thus called, obeyed the call. Was there, think ye, any less of reality in the calling of these men by the Holy Ghost because they were first called by the voice of the Church? Do not "the Spirit" and "the Bride" both say "come?"

How are men called to the exercise of repentance and faith? Is it not by the proclamation of the Kingdom? Does this human instrumentality do away with, or in any way abate, the reality of tho fact that men can only be brought to faith and repentance through the quickening power of the Holy Ghost? But here again "the Spirit" and "the Bride" both say "come." "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

And, brethren of the Clergy, let this thought pervade your ministry and your parochial visitations from house to house. Look out among your people, and exhort your people to look out among themselves for "men of honest report whom we may appoint over this business"—for lads who may be educated and trained for the work of the ministry. If we are all intent upon this matter, we shall, in a few years, reap the fruits of our vigilance and earnestness. In the meantime, we must provide for the present emergency. At all the strategic points of the Diocese we must have the ministry in one or the other of its grades. We can have the Deacon, who can bury the dead, baptize infants, and celebrate the Rites of Matrimony according to the offices of the Church. We must, and may, have the Deacon—"a man of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom—whom we may appoint over this business." Then, over certain sections of the Diocese, Presbyters may be appointed to visit at stated times the several points within his jurisdiction, to preach the word and celebrate the Holy Sacrament. The Deacon may, or may not, as circumstances indicate, be advanced to the Priesthood. That promotion must depend upon his having purchased to himself a good degree, and upon favoring circumstanees.

We have already some candidates for Holy Orders who will be ordained when their period of probation shall have ended. I greatly desire that their number may be increased. With God's help I would so provide that within the borders of the Diocese of Alabama no person should die without opportunity of Church burial; no child should be born without opportunity of Church Baptism; no people should be married who could not

have, at their desire, the benedictions of the Church upon their union. To such a consummation we must work—cautiously, advisedly and wisely, but—*surely*.

I commend you all to the Grace of God, and implore for you all in larger measure the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter. We have many indications of His gracious presence in our midst. May they abound more and more. Amen.

The Rev. Mr. BIRD moved a vote of thanks for the address. The Rev. Mr. HANSON objected, on the ground that a vote of thanks or censure to the Bishop of the Diocese was improper.

The Rev. Mr. BIRD rose to press his motion, but yielded the floor to the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, upon whose motion it was

Resolved, That the Bishop's Address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, excepting that portion which refers to Diocesan Missions, which shall be referred to a Special Committee.

On the call for reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention, the Rev. Mr. COBBS read a report from the committee to whom was referred the subject of Convocations.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That the report be referred back to the Committee, with instructions to perfect the same, and that the President fill the vacancies on the Committee.

The Rev. Mr. BEARD, of the Clergy, and Messrs. DAWSON and BRYCE, of the Laity, were thereupon appointed to fill the vacancies.

The Committee to whom was referred the Act of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, made the following report, which was read by the Secretary:

"The undersigned, who were two of the Committee appointed by the Diocesan Council of Alabama in 1865, to whom was referred the consideration the Act of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and to enable said Church to provide for orphans and widows of soldiers and other destitute persons, beg leave to report, that being unable to confer with Mr. Bocock, the other member of the Committee, by reason of his absence, they have considered the matter submitted, and think that it would be better if said act provided that the acts of the corporation in the reception and disposal of the property of the same should be under the supervision of the Council; and they therefore recommend that application be made to the next Legislature to amend said charter by adding thereto an additional section, as follows:

SECTION 7. *Be it further enacted*, That the Diocesan Council of the State of Alabama shall have a general supervision of the affairs of said corporation, and that it shall be the duty of said corporation to report to said Diocesan Council at their annual meetings what property may have been received by said corporation by gift, devise, bequest or purchase with the particulars thereof; and also all sales or other disposition of any property which may have been made, and of the disposition of the proceeds of said sales, and any other subjects of interest or importance which may have arisen since the last Council. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) A. BENNERS,
R. B. WALLER,
Of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was resolved that the report of the Committee be received; and the Committee are directed to have the proposed

amendment made by the Legislature of the State, embodied, and to report their action in the premises to the next Convention.

The reading of the Parochial Reports being announced as next in order, on motion of Rev. J. C. WADDILL, it was resolved, that Parochial Reports be made the special order for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Convention then proceeded to the election by ballot of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, whereupon the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., the Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., the Rev. D. NEVIUS, and Messrs. F. E. GORDON, W. G. JONES and F. B. CLARKE were duly elected.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. HANSON, it was

Resolved, That the vote postponing until 10 o'clock to-morrow the reading of the Parochial Reports be reconsidered.

The Convention then proceeded to hear the reading of

THE PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—By the Bishop,	3
Confirmations	9
Communicants	31
Funerals	2
Contributions to Diocesan Missions	$47 60
Bishop's Assessment,	68 00
Diocesan Missions	47 60

I was absent from this Parish about six months, on a visit to my friends in Maryland and in attendance on the General Convention. The condition of the Parish is encouraging. The attendance on Divine Service is good, and the number of Confirmations larger than ever before.

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

ST. ALBAN'S MISSION, GAINESVILLE.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Missionary.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—White. Infants,	2
Marriages—Whites,	1
Communicants,	9
Communions Administered,	4
Communion Offerings,	$14 10
Communion Offerings applied to Diocesan Missions,	10 00

I visit this point usually on fifth Sundays, and once a month on week-days, unless Providentially prevented.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 1; Infants 6. Total,	7
Confirmations—White,	5
Marriages—White,	1
Communions Administered,	3
Communicants—White 79; Colored 1. Total,	80

S. J. LEACH, Senior Warden.

CANEBRAKE MISSION.

Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Missionary.

Faunsdale, May 12th, 18(

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer:

Rt. Rev. Father: Since Trinity Sunday, I have met a regular app ment in St. Wilfrid's, Marion, once a month, with full services—Preac and Holy Communion.

At all other times, not only Sundays but on the higher Fasts and tivals, Lay reading is kept up in this Parish.

Baptisms—White, adults 4; Infants 7. Total,.....
Funerals—White 5; Colored 1,..... " .....
Confirmations—White,.....
Communicants—White 63; Colored 3,.....
Communions,.....
Offertory—To Diocesan Missions.....$6
Sunday School—Teachers 7; Scholars 45,.....

Faunsdale Chapel of Colored people has been served all the year, ra as occasions offered than by stated appointments. I celebrated the I Communion at Easter, with 13 communicants. Infant Baptisms have l 3; Marriages 11; Funerals 2.

Viewed from the Christian stand point, I can say nothing of this i within my sphere of observation, to encourage you as to their future. T have not abandoned the spasmodic emotional religion taught then sectarian religionists. "Professing" is yet their favorite and perhaps religion, with an utter disregard for the morality enjoined in the D logue. It is dismal to think of their licentious depravity, who occup lead and front ranks in this illusary system.

In Lent I began, and have since continued, regular monthly servic Dayton. There are some ten communicants here, without an organiza They are hence registered, together with the Confirmations and Bapti in the nearest Parish, and reported accordingly.

Offerings to Diocesan Missions, were.....$1

The balance of my time has been given, as strength permitted, to va Parishes—five have received 40 services, sermons, and 11 Holy Comm ions in such time.

Your ob't serv't and Son in the Ministry,

W. A. STICKNEY,
Missionary in the Canebr

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.

JOHN FULTON, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 4; Infants 11,.....
Confirmations 20,.....
Marriages 6,.....
Burials 12.....
Communicants—Present number 175,.....
Communions Celebrated 15,.....
Sunday School—Teachers 30; Scholars 200,.....
Offertory—For the Poor,.....$447 55
Diocesan Missions,..... 284 20
Domestic Missions,..... 87 18
Parochial purposes,..... 461 45
Sunday School,..... 227 90
Bishop's salary,.....210 00
Sunday School Offertory,..... 178 00

$1,896 28

The Rev. G. T. WILMER, D. D., having resigned his charge of this Parish, August 1st, 1868, the Rectorship remained vacant till 1st January, 1869, a period of five months, when the present Rector entered upon his duties. The report above given is necessarily defective, and in no respect is it so defective as in its showing of the charities of the congregation; nothing is reported above but the Sunday offertory. If the ceaseless charities of this Parish could be so counted as to be fairly reported, they would amount to a sum many times as great as the offertory. The Rector takes the greater pleasure in reporting this, as it reflects no credit on his own brief ministry in this Parish, but does reflect lustre on the people themselves, and on the labors of his predecessors.

The most careful investigation the undersigned has been able to make, with the assistance of the Wardens and others, who are among the oldest and best informed members of the Parish, does not enable him to report a larger number of communicants than is given above. It may well be that some who have strayed from Christ Church and are now not to be found, may hereafter be discovered and brought back to communion.

JOHN FULTON,
Rector Chrish Church Parish.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 5; children 5,....	10
Confirmed—At Opelika 8; at Crawford 4; Sand Fort 2,.....	14
Marriages,.....	2
Funerals,.....	1
Communicants—White, at last report, 41; added 17; removed 8; died 2; withdrawn 2. Present number,.....	46
Sunday School—Scholars 30; Teachers 6,.....	36
Communions Administered,.....	6
Communion Offerings,.....	$20 40

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, Minister.

The prospects of this congregation are brighter now than at any time since the war. The Bishop recently confirmed five persons, and there are not less than fifty communicants. The hope is entertained that in a few months we shall be able to build a new Church, and that the enterprise will enter upon a career of prosperity and usefulness hitherto unknown since its origin.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Baptisms,.....	1
Confirmations,.....	2
Communions,.....	2
Funerals,.....	1
Communicants—Present number,.....	27
Deaths,.....	2
Removals,.....	3
Collections,.....	$46 27

This Parish for the past twelve months being without the services of a regular Minister, has been dependent upon Lay Reading; but efforts are now being made to secure a Minister at as early a day as possible.

ED. SHIELD,
Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.

Rev. R. D. Nevius, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 14; Infants 99,	113
Confirmations,	34
Marriages,	16
Burials,	33
Communicants—At last report, 168; added 39. Present number,	207
Offerings for all purposes, since 28th February, 1869,	$1,043 45
Of which, for Diocesan Missions,	11 20
Bishop's Assessment,	118 00

The whole of the above amount received through the offertory.

Sunday School—Officers 34; pupils 300. Total	334

Time spent in the Parish, two and a half months.

The Rector is unable to report the amount raised in the Parish previous to the 28th February, 1869.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.

Rev. Wm. J. Boone, Deacon, officiating.

May 10th, 1869.

	Totals.
Confirmations—White 9,	9
Baptisms—White, Infant 1,	1
Funerals—White, 1,	1
Communicants—Added 13; present No. (including country members.)	50
Library books,	150
Communions Administered, (by the Bishop.)	1
Communion Offerings,	$15 15
Collections—Missions—Diocesan $53 35; Foreign $20,	73 35
Convention Assessment,	49 30
Subscriptions $66 75; Church Fund, $3 95,	70 70
Church purposes generally,	20 35
Total of Contributions,	$228 85

Time spent in the Parish, four months, since the second Sunday in January, when I took charge, and which time alone my report covers.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. Samuel S. Harris, Deacon in charge.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 15; Infants 43. Total,	58
Confirmations, "	15
Marriages, "	4
Burials, "	11
Communicants—At last report 254; Colored 4. Present number,	283
Sunday School—Officers 6; Teachers 36; Scholars 253. Total,	295
Volumes in Sunday School Library,	658
Communion Alms,	$312 58
Collections—Parochial School,	1,260 00
Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children,	1,927 85
Bishop's Assessment,	635 00
Am't contributed for the building of a Church at Mt. Meigs,	478 00
Church purposes generally, exclusive of Rector's and Minister's salary and current expenses,	941 30
Total Collections and Communion Alms,	$5,554 73

Communions administered by an attending Presbyter, since the Deacon officiating has been in charge—Public 4; private, 4. Total, 8

He has no record of the number of Communions administered previous to the time of his assignment to this Parish. Time spent in the Parish in the discharge of its duties, by the Rev. JOHN M. MITCHELL, late its beloved and most efficient Rector, about seven months; by the Deacon at present in charge, three months.

Of the amount reported above as collected for the Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children, one thousand and eighty-one dollars and twenty cents ($1,081 20) were raised by the work and self-denial of the members of the Sunday School of the Parish during Lent, and were brought by the children belonging to that School as an offering at their annual Easter-tide Festival, which was celebrated at the Church on Easter Sunday night of this year. The zeal and devotion of this Sunday School in their work and self-sacrifice are worthy of the warmest commendation. By a resolution of the School, unanimously adopted, they have declared their purpose of erecting at the earliest possible date, by their Annual Easter Offerings, a new and suitable building for the 'Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children.'

Since the last report, the late able Superintendent of the Sunday School, and late Rector of Hamner Hall, Prof. H. P. LEFEBVRE, has gone to his rest, and the School and Parish have sustained a severe loss in his death. The Sunday School has continued, however, to flourish under the experienced and efficient superintendence of Mr. A. R. BELL, and has attained a size and average attendance never before equalled.

The Parochial School is still supported by the Young Mens' Episcopal Association, which was organized by and under the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, while in temporary charge of the Parish, in the year 1866, and is in a most prosperous condition. It is taught by Mr. J. C. DAVIS, a Candidate for Holy Orders, assisted by Miss F. C. LAMB, by whose assiduous and well-directed energies this School has been brought, within the present year, from a state of comparative disorganization occasioned by the loss of its former teacher, to a high degree of efficiency. It now has on its rolls one hundred and eight scholars, with an average attendance of eighty. The usefulness of this institution, not only in giving an education to so many indigent children, but also in imparting to them sound religious instruction, and in bringing them within the influences of the Church, cannot be too highly estimated.

The item of collections mentioned above as having been contributed in this Parish to the "Bishop Cobbs' Home for Orphan Children," does not include the regular subscription made by the parishioners for the support of that institution.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.

Communicants, ...	19
Baptisms—Infants, ...	4

Rev. Mr. PERDUE attended our Parish several times during the past year; baptized four children, and each time administered the Holy Communion.

The children meet regularly every Sunday in the Church, for Catechism, remaining until after morning prayer. They manifest a lively interest in the services.

We hope during the current year to repair our Church and procure the services of a Minister.

JNO. D. HOKE, } Wardens.
P. ROWAN, }

May 10th, 1869.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH, CAHABA.

Rev. J. C. WADDILL, Missionary in charge.
May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 2; Infants 4. Total,	6
Colored, adults 1,	1
Confirmations—white 8,	8
Marriages—White 3,	3
Communions Administered,	4

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eight months.

In last July, I visited Elyton and spent there some six weeks. The services of the Church were gladly received and well attended by the community. Several persons are anxiously awaiting Confirmation. I also visited this Parish in December and officiated.

Since September I have twice a month officiated at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. Rev. Mr. BIRD and myself have alternately preached there and have for some months given the Parish regular service on every Sunday. A flourishing Sunday School is sustained by the labor of the zealous few yet remaining, and interest for the Church is thus kept alive. The children are regularly trained in chanting, and to a great extent constitute the choir.

I have also visited Pushmataha three times; solemnized two marriages, buried two persons, and baptized two children.

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adult 1; Infants, white 12; Col'd, infants 1. Total,	14
Confirmations—White,	9
Marriages—White 1; Colored 1,	2
Communicants—At last report 31; added 9. Present number,	40
Communions Administered,	10
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	$139 15
Foreign and Domestic Missions (each $5.)	10 00
Sheltering Arms at Mobile,	5 00
Church purposes,	50 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, eight months and a half.

I have been able to give one Sunday to St. David's, Dallas county—collections for Diocesan Missions reported to the Treasurer—and another Sunday to the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TALLASSEE.

Rev. B. F. MOWER, Minister.

Baptisms—White, adults 2; children 3,	5
Confirmed,	10
Marriages,	2
Communicants,	16
Sunday School—Scholars 60; Teachers 10,	70
Communions Administered,	5
Communion Offerings,	$ 46 80
For Church purposes,	1,000 00

A very commodious building has been neatly arranged, where Divine Service is now held. The Chapel will hold 150 persons. It has been painted within, the Chancel carpeted, and books for lecture and altar procured. Lamps have also been purchased and put up.

A house for the Minister and his family to occupy has been put in good repair, painted within, and soon to be painted on the outside. A few articles of furniture have been provided by the parishioners. The ladies of the Church have made and given a surplice to the Minister.

I have given to CROSS KEYS four Sundays the past year.

Communicants—At Cross Keys,	12
Funerals,	3
Baptism—Infant,	1
Communions Administered,	3

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANNISTER, Rector.

May 10th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 2; Infants 17,	19
Confirmations,	24
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	7
Sunday School—Teachers 22; Scholars 188,	210
Communicants—White, added 30; died 2; removed 28. Present No.	127
Communions Administered,	14
Communion Offerings,	$278 39
Diocesan Missions,	161 45
Church purposes generally,	1,147 11

Time spent in the Parish, ten months.

Rev. T. J. BEARD, Evangelist, NORTH ALABAMA.

May 12th, 1869.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:

My report from the several Mission points under my charge, is as follows:

MADISON STATION—Baptisms—Infants, white,	1
Confirmations,	4
Marriages,	1
Communicants,	14
Communions Administered,	3
Communion Offering,	$13 40
DECATUR—Baptisms—Adults 1; Infants 6. Total,	7
Confirmations,	2
Communicants—At last report 11; died 2; removed 3; added 2. Present number,	8
Funerals,	2
Communions—4 private; 9 public,	13
Communions Offerings,	$37 50
Foreign Missions,	2 00
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars,	25
ATHENS, Limestone County.—Baptisms—Adults 1; Infants 5. Total,	6
Confirmations,	1
Funerals,	1
Communicants,	10
Communions Administered,	10
Communion Offerings,	$22 30
ST. JOHN'S, Tuscumbia—Baptisms—Adults, col'd 1; Infants 4. Total,	5
Communicants,	30
Communions Administered,	6

Communion Offerings,	$29 28
Offerings—For Foreign Missions,	4 15
" Domestic Missions,	2 50
Sunday School—Teachers 6; Scholars,	18

TRINITY CHURCH, Florence.—Baptisms—Infants, white 2; colored 1,	3
Marriages,	1
Communions Administered,	6
Communion Offerings	$27 30
Offerings for Foreign Missions,	12 00
Communicants, Grand Total,	20
Baptisms—Adults 3; Infants 19, "	22
Confirmations 7; Marriages 2; Funerals 3; Communicants, "	82
Communions 38; Offerings, "	$150 43

I cannot close my report without mentioning the loss at one of the points, (Decatur,) of two of our most efficient communicants—WM. B. McCALLUM, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Lay Reader, and Mrs. JANE McCARTNEY, who gave liberally of their energies and means to the building up of the Church. They both "fell asleep" in the Lord, and are among those for whom "we bless God's Holy name," and pray that in our deep loss, He may in goodness raise up others to continue the good work.

THOS. J. BEARD.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—Whites, infants,	2
Marriages, white,	1
Communicants—White, last report 22; removed 6. Present number,	16
Communions Administered,	9
Communion Offering,	$54 10
Communion Offering applied to Diocesan Missions,	24 95
Collection for Diocesan Missions,	5 00
Funerals—White,	2

Time spent in Parish, twelve months, second and fourth Sundays.

ST. PETER'S PARISH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

No services for more than two years. No marriages, deaths or births. Number of Communicants, 9.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, GREENSBORO'.

R. H. COBBS, Rector.

May 11th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 3; Infants 14. Total,	17
Confirmations—White 6,	6
Marriages—White 3; Colored 1,	4
Funerals—White 15; Colored 3,	18
Communicants—White, at last report, 107; added 5; died 2; removed 9. Present number,	101
Sunday School—Teachers 10; Scholars 60. Total,	70
Communions Administered 13; in private 1,	15
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	$121 00
Domestic Missions,	10 00
Foreign Missions,	10 00
Church purposes,	118 00
University of the South,	12 00

Church at Montevallo, ... 58 25
Children's Easter Offering, ... 100 00

Time spent in the Parish in performance of regular duties, since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, SELMA.

Rev. S. M. Bird, Rector.
May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—Whites, adults 6; Infants 34. Total,..... 40
Confirmations—No visitation.
Marriages—White 6. Total,..... 6
Funerals—White,..... 10
Whites, at last report,..... 108
Died 1; added 2. Present number,..... 109
Sunday School—Teachers 14; Scholars, white 125. Total,..... 139
Communions Administered,..... 12
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$200 00
Gross Collections from weekly offertory,..... 653 61

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

The Parish has sustained a great loss in the death of Maj. Jno. Mitchell, one of the best friends it ever had. To this good man we owe much of our present prosperity. Two years before his death in his will he bequeathed to the Vestry of St. Paul's three thousand dollars.

We have also to deplore the loss of Col. Wm. Waddill, a Christian brother, who had been identified with the history of this Church from its foundation.

The Parish has been presented with a handsome communion Service, the gift of Mrs. N. H. R. Dawson.

Mr. L. G. Weaver has also presented to the Parish a valuable lot adjoining the Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.

Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.
May 12, 1869.

Baptisms—White, Infants 1; Adults 2. Total,..... 3
Communicants—White 4; Colored 1,..... 5
Burials 8,..... 8
Communicants—At last report,..... 54
Present number,..... 55
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars 25,..... 30
Communions Administered,..... 12
Offerings,.....$33 83
Other Collections,..... 38 00

COUNTY LINE STATION.

Baptisms—White, Infants 1; Adults 2. Total,..... 3
Marriages, 1,..... 1
Burials, 1;..... 1
Communicants—At last report,..... 18
Present number,..... 21
Communions Administered,..... 10

Remarks.—During the year, I have held one service at County Line, on alternate Sundays, returning to hold a service at Carlowville the same day, making one service at this latter place on every Sunday. A week day

morning or evening prayer on each Wednesday of the week, has been well attended; also an additional service on the Fridays of the Lenten season. On these occasions it has been my practice, recently, to read a lesson upon some portion of the Prayer Book, and the exercise has elicited a manifest interest. Two services per month have also been held on a morning or afternoon of alternate Sundays at a little village,—Warrenton,—about two and a half miles from home. These have been well attended, and I am encouraged by the opinions of others to hope that an interest in behalf of the Church is already aroused and will, probably, be established. I feel it my duty to make a commendatory notice in this form of the zeal of certain members of the County Line congregation, who have gotten up and persevered in maintaining Bible Class exercises for the improvement of their Sunday evenings. The attendance upon these, I am told, is well sustained, and I trust the benefit is proportioned to the interest exhibited.

Very respectfully,

F. B. LEE.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH, EUTAW.

Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—Whites, Infants,	1
Marriages—Whites,	2
Communicants—Removed 6. Present number,	19
Communions Administered,	12
Communion Offerings,	$50 50
" " appropriated to Diocesan Missions,	12 50
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars 13,	18

Time spent in Parish, twelve months, 1st and 3d Sundays.

This Parish, which has been for a long time without a Vestry, elected one after Easter.

SNOWDOWN MISSION.

Rev. J. F. Smith, Missionary.

Snowdown, May 10th, 1869.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.:

Rt. Rev. Father: Below I send you a report of my labors since the last Diocesan Convention.

Until the latter part of August last, I officiated at this place every Sunday. From that date to the present I have officiated twice a month, when the roads and the weather would allow a congregation to assemble, which I must say, during the winter and every spring, was very seldom. The statistical report would stand as follows:

Funerals,	6
Communicants in the neighborhood,	6

As to baptisms, there is one adult and the children of two families, amounting to nine or ten, to be baptized very soon; and whom I did hope to baptize in time to report to the present Convention, but the parties were not exactly ready.

As to my success at this place, it may be summed up in the sententious but impressive words of the Prophet—"*Lord, who hath believed our report, and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?*"

As I am teaching school for a living, I have little or no time for Pastoral visiting, which is so important to the religious interest of the community. How much of the want of success is due to my own unfaithfulness, it is not expected of me to say. May God have mercy on priest and people.

From the fifth Sunday in August to the present, I have officiated twice a month at Mt. Meigs, except in one or two instances, when I have been water-bound. The congregations here have been generally small, sometimes very small. This is owing to two causes: one is that our own church families are scattered over a very wide extent of country, and consequently cannot all be there at every appointment; the other is that one of the most popular of the denominations meet on the day we have services, and so, many who would attend our services are drawn off.

I have here administered the Communion twice.

Communion Offerings.....$13 30

There have been some baptisms, but as the members of the Church here belong to St. John's Church, Montgomery, the children have been carried there.

At present, we hold the services in the Baptist house of worship, but having already some $1,200 in hand for the purpose of building a Church, we hope within the next six or eight months to have a church edifice of our own.

Respectfully,

J. F. SMITH.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. J. H. Tickkor, Rector.

Baptisms—White, adults 8; Infants 13; Colored, adult 1; Infants 4,.	21
Confirmations,.....	12
Communicants—At last report 48. Present number,.....	43
Marriages,.....	4
Burials,.....	13
Sunday School—Teachers 6; Scholars 40,.....	46
Library Books—About..	100
Communions Administered—(5 in private,)...	17
Communion Collections,.....$76	30

The statistics in this report are not confined to the immediate locality of St. Thomas' Church. The Rector's labors have extended over a large territory; and, for convenience, he exhibits its results in one table. He has officiated as often as three Sundays per month in St. Thomas' Church. Circumstances known to the Bishop, have forbidden his giving that personal pastoral attention to the Parish which it deserves. He is persuaded that it needs only a resident clergyman to make it one of our most flourishing and interesting Parishes.

TRINITY PARISH, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rector.

May 12th, 1869.

Baptisms—White, adults 15; Infants 84. Total,.....	99
Confirmations—White 41,.....	41
Marriages—White 10; Colored 2. Total,.....	12
Funerals,.....	45
Communicants—White, at last report, 326; added 45; died 4; removed 16. Present number,.....	351
Sunday School—Teachers 31; Scholars 205. Total,.....	236
Library Books, ...	—
Communions Administered—Public and Private,.....	24
Communion Offerings,.....$200	05
Collections—Diocesan Missions,... 200	00
For other Church purposes,.....	—

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last report, eleven and a half months.

The Rector has had valuable help since November last, both in this Parish and among the colored people, from the Rev. T. L. BANNISTER.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

Baptisms	7
Communicants	53
Funerals	1
Communion Alms	$25 65
Diocesan Missions	
Sunday School—Scholars 57; Teachers, about 9	66

In consequence of my absence from the State, there was no services in this Church for six months. The Bishop has not yet made his annual visitation. There are several Candidates for Confirmation. The attendance on Divine Service is large. The congregation still feel the inconvenience of not having a Church building of their own. We hope in the course of the year to erect a Church.

F. R. HANSON, Rector.

WHISTLER MISSION.

Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Missionary.

Baptisms—White, adult 1; Infants 23	24
Confirmations—White	19
Marriages—White 2	2
Funerals—White	7
Communicants—At last report 41; removed 4; died 4; added 16	49
Sunday School—Teachers 5; Scholars, white, 60	65
Sunday School Library Books 200; Parish Library Books 300	500
Communions Administered	12
Communion Offerings	$ 60 00

The Committee on Credentials reported the certificate from Christ's Church, Mobile, entitling to seats in this Convention as Lay Deputies therefrom, the following, viz: H. A. SCHROEDER, DANIEL MCNEILL, WM. H. ANDERSON and HUGH L. COLE, as in due form. On calling their names, none of said Deputies responded.

The Bishop then announced the Rev. S. M. BIRD, the Rev. F. B. LEE, and Messrs. W. J. HARDEE and P. A. FITTS as the Committee to whom is referred that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Diocesan Missions.

The report of the Diocesan Missionary Fund was presented and referred to a Committee consisting of the Rev. B. F. MOWER and EDWIN SHIELD as an Auditing Committee.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention was announced as in order.

On motion of Rev. Mr. WADDILL, it was

Resolved, That the election of Deputies to the General Convention be postponed to the next Annual Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. TICKNOR, it was

Resolved, That the Convention proceed to the election of a Trustee for Hamner Hall, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the retirement of the Rev. John M. Mitchell.

Whereupon the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR was duly elected said Trustee.

Reports being called for, N. H. R. DAWSON read the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, which was referred to a Special Committee, with instructions to report to this Convention, consisting of Messrs. C. L. Stickney, P. Bryce and F. C. Randolph.

The Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Treasurer and Trustees of the University of the South for Alabama.

A. R. BELL, of Montgomery, was elected Treasurer; Rev. J. M. BANNISTER and Messrs. R. W. WALKER and G. A. GORDON were elected Trustees.

The Committee on Credentials reported the certificate of election of Lay Deputies from St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, as not in due form.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, it was

Resolved, That the Deputies elected to this Convention by the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, be admitted to seats in this body.

The following are the Lay Deputies from St. Luke's Church:

Messrs. D. P. FORNEY, D. F. HOKE, JOHN M. WYLY, P. ROWAN and WM. T. ALEXANDER.

On the call of the roll of said Delegates, D. P. FORNEY appeared and took his seat.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to re-assemble at 9 A. M. to-morrow (Friday).

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA,
Friday, May 14th, 1869.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'cloek, A. M., and was opened with prayer by the President.

The reading of the proceedings of the preceding day was postponed.

The Committee on Credentials reported favorably on the certificates entitling to seats in the Convention the following Lay Deputies:

From Trinity Church, Demopolis.—F. S. Lyon, H. W. Reese, Wm. G. Clarke, James Whitfield and W. H. Beatty.

St. John's Church, Elyton.—Nathaniel Hawkins.

On calling these names, F. S. LYON, W. H. BEATTY, and NATHANIEL HAWKINS appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report the following items referred to this Convention, viz:

1st. The consideration of the proposed amendment of 1st Section of Canon III., substituting the word "Communicants" for the word "Parishioners."

2d. The report of the Committee upon the changes and improvement necessary and desirable to be made in the Rules of Order. Committee: Rev. Dr.'s Pierce, Massey and Wilmer.

3d. The report of the Committee on an Act of Incorporation for a Church Home, continued from the previous Convention.

F. B. LEE, Chairman.

Rev. Mr. HANSON moved to refer the first item of this report to the Committee on Canons.

Mr. RANDOLPH moved to lay Mr. Hanson's resolution on the table, which motion, by a rising vote, was rejected and the reference was made.

Mr. DAWSON, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accompanying letter from Mr. JAMES BOND, Treasurer of the Diocese, to Mr. WM. BARNEWALL, Treasurer of Christ's Church, Mobile, with the statements attached thereto, beg leave to report:

That they have examined the same, but that in their opinion the matters embraced in said letter are not proper subjects for the consideration of this body, and they therefore beg leave to return them.

In making this report, however, the Committee deem it but just to state that an unintentional injustice was done to the Parish of Christ's Church, Mobile, in the statement made to the last Convention, that she had not responded in the liberal manner which has always characterized that Parish towards the payment of the Bishop's salary, for the year ending May, 1868, as appears from the letter of Mr. Bond. The Committee deem it also proper to state that in reporting the amount due from said Parish for the assessment of the Bishop's salary for the year ending May 1st, 1869, a misconception of the rule adopted by the last Convention has been made, and that the number of communicants reported at the last Convention, and not the present number, is the basis upon which the assessment for the Bishop's salary for the year ending May 1st, 1869, should be made upon the Parishes.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. RANDOLPH, the report was received and the Committee discharged from further duty in connection with the subject.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the accounts of James Bond, Treasurer of the Diocese, beg leave to report, that they have examined said accounts, with the vouchers accompanying the same, and find them to be correct.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

The report was received and the Finance Committee discharged from further duty in connection therewith.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT,

For the Year ending May, 1868.

JAMES BOND, *Treasurer, in Account with* DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

DR.

To voluntary contributions and receipts from the several Parishes, for the year ending at the Convention of 1868, as follows:

1867.	Nov. 1.—	St. Pauls', Greensborough,	$100 00
1868.	Jan. 1.—	St. John's, Mobile,	80 00
"	" 20.—	Trinity. do.	100 00
"	" 27.—	Christ, Tuskaloosa,	30 00
"	Ap'l 13.—	St. John's, Mobile,	171 10
"	" 15.—	Christ, Tuskaloosa,	131 00
"	" 27.—	Christ, Mobile,	146 75
"	" 29.—	Do. do.	5 00
"	May 6.—	Trinity, do.	250 00
"	" 8.—	Trinity, Elyton, Ala.,	21 00
"	" 8.—	St. John's, Mobile, (interest on Note of E. Jones,)	24 00
"	" 13.—	Christ, do.	20 00
"	" 14.—	St. Paul's, Selma,	300 00
"	" 14.—	St. Luke's, Cahaba,	33 00
"	" 14.—	Montevallo Mission,	12 00
"	" 14.—	Trinity, Demopolis,	164 00

1868.	May 14.—St. Andrew's, Macon, (including $1 interest on G. P. Tayloe's Note,)		113 00
"	" 14.—St. Paul's, Greensborough, ...		192 00
"	" 14.—N. Ala. Mission at large, ...		50 00
"	" 14.—Nativity, Huntsville, ...		100 00
"	" 14.—Mission at Pushmataha and Mt. Sterling, .		48 00
"	" 14.—St. James', Livingston, ...		25 00
"	" 14.—St. Wilfrid's, Marion, (including interest on Mrs. M. E. Thompson's Note,) . .	$4,	
	Including int. on Miss A. M. Norwood's Note,	4,	
	Including int. on E. L. Stickney's Note,	8,	100 00
"	" 14.—St. John's, Montgomery, (including $100 from Tallassee,)		500 00
"	" 14.—St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, (including interest on 2 Notes of Dr. Lightfoot, $16, and int. on Note of McKee Gould,) $1 60, . . .		87 00
"	" 14.—St. Thomas', Greenville, ...		12 00
"	" 14.—St. Stephen's, Eutaw, (including interest on A. Jarvis' Note, $4; W. F. Pierce's do. $8,)		82 50
"	" 14.—Holy Cross, Uniontown, (including interest on Notes, as follows:		
	Thos. M. Walthall, Note $125; interest $10,		
	Jos. Selden, " 10 00; " 25,		
	W. A. Christian, " 100; " 8,		
	Shield & Semple, " 100; " 8,		
	Jno. M. Laughorne, " 62 50; " 5,		
	H. S. Key, " 62 50; " 5,		
	R. W. Nicolson, " 62 50; " 5,		
	Wm. Adams, " 75 00; " 6,		
	Interest to 1st May, 1868, ...		120 00
"	" 14.—St. Michael's, Marengo County, (including interest to 1st May, 1868, on following Notes:		
	G. W. H. Minge, 2 Notes, $125 each, $20,		
	R. H. Adams, 1 " 125 10,		
	Dr. F. A. Harrison, 1 " 200 16,		
	D. Minge, 1 " 100 8,)		171 00
"	" 15.—St. Luke's, Jacksonville, ...		25 00
"	" 16.—St. James', Eufaula, ...		120 00
"	" 16.—St. James', Livingston, ...		20 00
"	" 16.—St. Paul's, Greensborough, ...		10 00
	Total, ...		$3,363 35

CR.

1868.			
Jan'y 20.	By cash paid to Bishop Wilmer, ...	1,	$100 00
Feb. 17.	" " " " " "	2,	257 40
Ap'l 28.	" " " " " "	3,	149 05
May 4.	" " " " " "	3½,	257 40
" 6.	" " " " " "	4,	250 00
" 8.	" " " " " "	5,	21 00
" 15.	" " " " " "	6,	20 00
" 18.	" " " " Mrs. Cobb's annuity, . . .	7,	500 00
" 19.	" " " " Bishop Wilmer, . . .	8,	1,700 00
" 19.	" " balance account, this date, ...		108 50
			$3,363 35

MOBILE, May 7th, 1869. JAMES BOND, Treasurer.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
For the Year ending May, 1869.

JAMES BOND, *Treasurer*,

In account with DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1868.	DR.	
May 19.—	To balance account, this date, as per prior report,	$108 50
" 28. "	cash received of A. R. Bell, Treasurer of Bishop's Fund, paid over to me under Resolution of Convention of 1868,	282 45
Oct. 24. "	cash from St. Paul's, Greensborough,	47 85
Nov. 27. "	" " Christ, Mobile, being balance of assessment since May, 1867,	270 00
Dec. 11. "	cash from St. Paul's, Carlowville,	55 70
" 30. "	" " St. Paul's, Greensborough,	47 50
1869. July 25.—	To cash from St Paul's, Carlowville,	20 00
" Feb. 12.	" " " Nativity, Huntsville,	82 50
" M'ch 29.	" " " St. John's, Mobile,	136 00
" Ap'l 5.	" " " " " "	5 00
" May 6.	" " " N. H. R. Dawson, Treas'r—Bishop Wilmer's receipt for $100—dated Oct. 13, 1868,	100 00
		$1,155 50

1868.	CR.	
May 28.—	By cash pd order of Bp Wilmer, expenses of Conv'n, 9,	$ 20 00
" 30. "	" paid Bishop Wilmer, 10,	282 45
Nov. 27. "	" " " " " 11,	270 00
Dec. 11. "	" " " " " 12,	55 70
Feb. 12. "	" " " " " 13,	82 50
Ap'l 10. "	" sent to pay assessment on this Diocese, per expense of General Convention, directed to be paid by Bishop, 14,	101 50
May 6. "	" this sum in Bishop Wilmer's receipt for this amount paid him by N. H. R. Dawson, Treas'r, Oct. 13, 1868, and credited to Dawson, 15,	100 00
		$912 15
May 7. "	" balance on hand this date,	243 35
		$1,155 50

JAMES BOND, *Treas'r.*

MOBILE, May 7th, 1869.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to Diocesan Missions, made the following report:

Whereas, the Bishop has recommended that the system of the "dime collection" be urged upon the Diocese as a means of carrying out Diocesan Missions, and this Committee having been appointed to consider and report a plan for the efficient accomplishment of this purpose, they would recommend—

1st. That the Rector of each Parish, or in the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden or other appointed person, be requested to take a collection for Diocesan Missions on the second Sunday in every month; provided

that if from any cause the congregation fail to assemble on the second Sunday, the collection shall be taken on the first Sunday thereafter.

2d. That such collection shall be paid quarterly, in the months of July, October, January and April, to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

3d. If any deficiency shall arise in the amount to be raised in each Parish on the "ten cent basis," it is recommended that said deficiency shall be made up the last quarter of the year by active measures on the part of the Rector and Vestry, or the persons appointed in the vacant Parishes wherever deficiencies shall occur.

4th. That a printed form of the above resolution be communicated by the Secretary to the Rector of each Parish, or person appointed, within two weeks after the adjournment of this Convention, and that they be read to the people on the second Sunday of the month.

S. M. BIRD,
F. B. LEE,
W. J. HARDEE,
P. A. FITTS,
} Committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, the report was received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The President announced that F. S. LYON and H. J. ROFF were added to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be requested to consider and report upon the propriety of amending the present form of Parochial Reports, so as to show the number of persons connected with each Parish, in addition to the number of communicants.

Rev. Dr. MASSEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of this Diocese be held in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Mr. RANDOLPH moved to amend by substituting for Trinity Church, Mobile, St. John's Church, Montgomery, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rev. B. F. MOWER then read the following:

The Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of Joseph W. Field, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Society of Alabama, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, with the vouchers attached, and find the accounts correctly stated.

B. F. MOWER,
EDWIN SHIELD,
} Committee.

MAY 14th, 1869.

The report was received and the Committee discharged.

ACCOUNT OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESAN MISSIONARY FUND.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the Diocesan Missionary Society.

1868. DR.

May 14.—To balance		$220 93
1869. May 10. cash from	Christ Church, Mobile,	339 50
" "	Trinity, Mobile, "	200 00
" "	S. C. Donaldson, "	10 50
" "	Thomas Lesesne, "	25 00
" "	St. John's, "	69 80
" "	Trinity, Demopolis	39 30
" "	St. Paul's, Greensboro',	121 00
" "	St. David's, Dallas County,	17 75
" "	St. John's, Tuscumbia,	5 30
" "	Trinity Florence	30 45
" "	St. Paul's, Decatur,	12 45
" "	——, Athens,	14 75
" "	——, Mooresville,	3 00
" "	——, Madison Station,	7 40
" "	Nativity Church, Huntsville,	161 65
" "	St. James'. Eufaula,	40 00
" "	St. Wilfrid's Marion	75 15
" "	St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	12 00
" "	Rev. S. U. Smith,	17 50
" "	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	12 50
" "	St. Andrew's, Macon,	15 00
" "	St. Thomas', Greenville,	10 00
" "	St. John's, Montgomery	87 43
" "	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	34 40
" "	St. Michael's, Marengo,	89 50
		$1,672 76

1868. CR.

May 14.—By Bishop Wilmer's draft	in favor Rev. B F. Mower	$ 100 00
" 18. " " " "	in favor Rev. J. C. Waddill,	50 00
" 19 " " " "	in favor Rev. F. B Lee,	60 00
June 11 " " " "	in favor Rev. B. F. Mower,	75 00
July 23. " " " "	in favor self,	50 50
Aug. 15. " " " "	in favor Rev. F W. Damus,	100 00
" 25. " " " "	in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	90 00
Dec. 2 " " " "	in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	75 00
1869.—Jan. 7. " " "	in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	75 00
Feb. 13. " " " "	in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	34 00
" 13. " " " "	in favor Rev. J. M. Robertson,	50 00
" 13. " " " "	in favor Rev. T. J. Beard,	175 55
" 13. " " " "	in favor self,	110 00
" 22. " " " "	in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	50 00
M'ch 13. " " " "	in favor Rev. F. W. Damus,	100 00
April 8. " " " "	in favor Rev. T. J. Beard,	100 00
" 28. " " " "	in favor Rev. J C. Davis,	50 00
May 7. " " " "	in favor Rev. F. B. Lee,	50 00
" 10. " balance,		277 71
		$1,672 76

JOSEPH W FIELD, Treasurer
D. M. S.

MOBILE, May 10th, 1869.

The Committee on Convocations beg leave to make the following report:

That they have considered the subject referred to them, and agree to make the following suggestions:

1st. That the Diocese of Alabama be divided into five Convocational Districts, with the centres at Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, Demopolis and Huntsville, respectively.

2d. That each organization shall be separate and governed by such officers as they may elect.

3d. That the Bishop of the Diocese be, ex-officio, President of each Convocation, and be invited to attend at least one meeting in each District each year.

4th. That each Convocation shall make any laws and regulations for its guidance as may not conflict with the laws of the Diocese or the General Church.

(Signed) F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, made a report which was received, and with the resolutions adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the statement of the Treasurer, and Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, have examined the same, and find them correct and properly vouched.

In accordance with the views expressed in said report, the Committee respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund are required to collect all the notes and bonds composing the Episcopal Fund which in their opinion should be collected.

Resolved, That said Trustees are directed to invest all moneys collected on said notes and bonds, in loans secured by mortgage upon unincumbered real estate.

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered, all interest accruing from the securities composing said Fund, shall be invested under the preceding resolution.

C. L. STICKNEY,
P. BRYCE,
F. C. RANDOLPH, } Committee.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF BISHOP'S FUND.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer, in Account with Bishop's Fund.*

1868. July 1.—To interest from D. Minge, on Note for $132, to May 1, 1868	$21 12		
To interest from D. Minge, on Note for $544, to May 1, 1868,	87 04	—108 16	

CREDIT.

Aug. 4.—By cash paid letter book,	$ 2 50		
" 4. " cash paid cash book,	1 00		
Oct. 13. " cash paid Treasurer of Diocese, as per receipt of Bishop Wilmer,	100 00		
By balance carried down,	4 66	—108 16	

1869. May 12. By balance brought down, $4 66

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF BISHOP'S FUND.

To the Convention of the
Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report:

On the 4th of August, 1868, Mr. A. R. Bell, of Montgomery, turned over to them the bonds, notes and receipts described in Schedule A, hereto annexed, which is made a part of this report. These assets upon paper amount to the sum of Twenty-four Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty-four and 69-100 Dollars. Of this sum, Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety-nine 19-100 Dollars belong to the Permanent Fund, and the balance of Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty-five 50-100 Dollars to the Special Fund.

Under the instructions of the last Convention, the undersigned have endeavored to ascertain the condition of the parties and persons from whom these bonds and notes are due, and also to collect the notes with a view to their re-investment in available securities. Their efforts in this behalf have been unavailing, so far as collecting the bonds and notes, and the fund remains in the same condition in which it was when received from the late Trustees. Many of the parties are dead; many of them, in consequence of the wide spread ruin resulting from the late war, are insolvent and unable to pay anything, and most of them are unwilling to pay more than the annual interest on their notes. Under these circumstances, the undersigned did not feet authorized to take any steps towards the involuntary collection of the fund, without the express direction of the Convention.

As far as they have been able to ascertain, the Permanent Fund may be estimated to be worth, in solvent bonds and notes, about Nine Thousand Dollars; near Five Thousand Dollars of this amount is comprised in two notes made by the Trustees of Hamner Hall, which the Trustees have promised to secure by a mortgage upon real estate.

The value of the Special Fund is difficult to be estimated, but will not exceed one-third of its amount.

In the opinion of the undersigned, the Trustees should be authorized to ascertain and report to the next Convention the worthless and insolvent notes composing the Episcopal Fund, for the purpose of having them dropped from the assets; and, however reluctant to express the opinion, the undersigned believe that the only way to make this fund available, is for the Convention to adopt a resolution requiring the Trustees to collect all of the notes and bonds without distsnction, giving them however general discretion in the matter.

The undersigned have been unable to adjust the losses accruing from Confederate securities, between the Permanent and Special Fund, which they were required to do by the resolutions of the last Convention. They have no means of distinguishing the notes belonging to those two funds. They have designated the re-investments by the former Trustees, as the Permanent Fund and the notes given by persons in the different Parishes, as belonging to the Special Fund. The deductions contemplated by the resolutions could effect neither Fund.

The investments in Confederate securities are worthless, and having been dropped from the fund, are an accepted loss to the respective funds from which the money invested in them was derived.

The Trustees are not familiar with all of the conditions upon which subscriptions to the Bishop's Fund were made, but as the entire fund is now so greatly reduced, they would suggest that the Convention should adopt a plan by which the two funds could be united and become permanent; the

interest to be collected annually and re-invested until the fund amounts to a sum large enough to pay the Bishop's salary.

The undersigned, in view of the importance of the subject to the growth and prosperity of the Church in this Diocese, would respectfully suggest that one or more earnest churchman should be appointed by the Convention to visit the Parishes in the State for the purpose of collecting the notes now due, and also for the purpose of soliciting new subscriptions to the fund.

The clouds that overhang our material prosperity are beginning to break, and an era of thrift is rapidly dawning upon the people of this State; and the Church should not lose the favored opportunity to present, even in advance of this period of improvement, the claims which she has upon all of her children, to contribute of their good gifts towards the completion of this desirable object.

The salary of our Bishops should be placed upon a permanent basis, independent of all the fluctuations and uncertainties which surround the present mode of raising it. We see how beneficially this plan works in the stronger Dioceses, and the Laity of this Diocese should bend their energies towards a consummation so devoutly to be worked for, as the security, in all time to come, of an independent and certain support for the Episcopate.

Accompanying this report, is the account of the Treasurer, showing that he has received the sum of one hundred and eight and 16-100 dollars, and has disbursed under the instructions of the last Convention, the sum of one hundred and three and 50-100 dollars—leaving in his hands a balance of four dollars and sixty-six cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
A. G. MABRY, } Trustees.
GEO. O. BAKER,

SELMA, ALA., May 12th, 1869.

SCHEDULE A.

List of Bonds and Notes belonging to the Bishop's Fund in the Diocese of Ala.

7 Bonds Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Co., dated July 1st, 1856 and due 1st Jan. 1864, each $500...	$3,500 00	
10 Bonds Alabama & Fla. Railroad Co. of Fla., dated April 13th, 1858, due Jan. 1st, 1879, each for $500,.	5,000 00	
Note Trustees Hamner Hall, Dec. 28th, 1868,.....	1,151 60	
Note of same, Dec. 28th, 1868, ...	3,816 53	
Note of John Wesley Coleman, May 2d, 1859,.....	1,296 98	
Note of G. and D. W. H. Minge, May 21st, 1855,.....	544 00	
Note of D. Minge and R. H. Adams, March 1, 1848,..	132 00	
Note of J. J. Pegues, Feb. 8, 1854,.....	400 00	
Note of same, May 1st, 1857,.....	658 08	—16,499 19

The above Notes and Bonds belong to the Permanent Fund.

Notes belonging to Special Fund:

Christ's Church, Mobile.

W. K. Thurber, Feb. 22d, 1850,....	25 00	
W. Molton, Dyer, Jan. 10th, 1856,.....	100 00	
W. W. Garroll, Feb. 21, 1850, ...	100 00—	225 00

Trinity Church, Mobile.

J. A. Massey, Feb. 13th, 1850.....	$100 00—	100 00

St. John's, Mobile.

Emanuel Jones, Feb. 23, 1850,	$300 00	
W. B. Hammond, Feb. 10, 1850,	300 00	
W. B. Hammond, Jan. 17, 1856,	200 00	
John Johnson, Jan. 15, 1856,	200 00—	1,000 00

St. John's, Montgomery.

Chas. T. Pollard, Jan. 1, 1850,	$250 00	
T. B. Taylor, Jan. 1, 1850,	200 00	
William Knox, Jan. 14, 1850,	150 00	
R. L. Colclough, Jan. 15, 1850,	25 00	
E. F. Taylor, Jan. 1, 1850,	150 00	
J. S. Winter, Jan. 30, 1856,	100 00	
M. A. Tayloe, Jan. 27, 1856,	50 00	
W. H. Lucas, Jan. 27, 1856,	50 00	
P. T. Sayre, Jan. 30, 1856,	100 00	
Mrs. J. W. Tayloe, Jan. 30, 1856,	50 00	
Jno. D. Phelan, Dec. 12, 1855,	100 00	
M. J. Conley, Feb. 1st, 1859,	100 00—	$1,325 00

Holy Comforter, Montgomery.

J. H. Ticknor, 1st May, 1863,	$150 00—	$150 00

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

William Waddill, Aug. 28th, 1849,	$ 75 00	
J. S. Jeffries, Dec. 10th, 1855,	25 00	
Ann J. Jeffries, Jan. 18th, 1850,	25 00	
A. S. Jeffries, Aug. 29, 1849,	25 00	
William Lowry, Aug. 28th, 1849,	10 00	
C. D. Parke, Dec. 10th, 1855,	50 00	
C. M. and M. M. Jones, Dec. 10, 1855,	50 00	
W. H. Eager, Dec. 10, 1855,	50 00	
J. W. Alston, Dec. 10th, 1855,	25 50	
A. W. Spaight, Dec. 10, 1855,	50 00	
B. B. Hotchkiss, Dec. 10, 1855,	25 00—	410 00

St. Luke's, Cahaba.

Will. E. Bird, Aug. 30, 1849,	50 00	
R. H. Stoutenboro, Aug. 30, 1849,	25 00	
William A. Bean, Aug. 30, 1849,	50 00	
Geo. W, Gayle Dec. 8, 1855,	50 00	
Jas. L. and Anna Evans, Dec. 7, 1855,	50 00	
Thomas Hunter Dec. 17, 1855,	15 00	
J. B. Duke, Dec. 7, 1855,	25 00	
E. G. Ulmer, Dec. 7, 1855,	50 00	
Mary M. English, Dec. 8, 1855,	25 00—	340 00

Trinity Church, Dallas County.

W. B. Townsend, Aug. 23, 1849,	25 00—	25 00

St. David's, Dallas County.

Mrs. H. E. Pegues, Jan. 1, 1856	50 00	50 00

St. Paul's, Carlowville.

Hugh L. Allison,	50 00	
J. D. Allison, May 1, 1854,	25 00	
Benj. Reynolds, April 1, 1849,	25 00 –	100 00

St. Peter's, Lowndes County.

Wm. H. Chambliss, March 22, 1850,....	25 00—	30 00

Trinity Church, Hayneville.

Nat. Cook, Aug. 28, 1849,.....	25 00—	25 00

St. Michael's, Marengo.

R. H. Adams, May 1st, 1850,.....	125 00	
David Minge, April 20th, 1850,.....	100 00	
Geo. W. H. Minge, May 1, 1850,.....	125 00	
Same, Dec. 28, 1855,.....	125 00	
Thos. A. Harrison, Dec. 28, 1855,.....	200 00—	675 00

St. John's, Prairies.

Mortiner Jordan, May 4, 1850,.....	50 00—	50 00

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

R. M. Robertson, April 1, 1859,.....	100 00—	100 00

St. Andrew's, Macon.

Geo. P. Tayloe, Dec. 1, 1855,.....	100 00—	100 00

St. Alban's, Gainesville.

Turner Reavis, Dec. 21, 1855,.....	200 00	
E. G. Spaight,.	25 00—	225 00

St. Wilfrid's, Marion.

E. L. Stickney, Dec. 12, 1855,.....	100 00	
L. N. Walthall. Dec. 14, 1855,.....	100 00	
Anna M. Norwood, Dec. 12, 1855,.....	50 00	
Mary E. Thompson, Dec. 12, 1855	50 00—	300 00

Holy Cross, Uniontown.

J. M. Laughorn, April 20, 1850,.....	62 50	
Henry S. Key, March 19, 1850,.....	62 50	
R. W. Nicholson, April 22, 1850,.....	62 50	
Wm. A. Christian, Sept. 26, 1849,.....	100 00	
Jos. Selden, Dec. 28, 1855,.....	125 00	
T. N. Walthall, Dec. 31, 1855,.....	125 00	
Jas. L. Price, Dec. 31, 1855,..... ...	125 00	
B. J. Semple and B. Shield, Dec. 3, 1855,..	100 00	
J. M. Adams, Dec. 31, 1855,...	75 00—	837 50

St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

A. Stollenwerck, Dec. 17, 1855,.....	100 00	
T. C. Osborn, Dec. 17, 1855,.....	50 00	
Sarah A. Pasture, Dec. 17, 1855,.....	50 00	
Ann T. Randolph, March, 1856,.....	100 00—	300 00

St. Mark's, Greene County.

Jno. G. Friend, Sept. 18, 1849,.....	100 00	
J. McK. Gould, Dec. 19, 1855,.....	20 00	
P. L. Lightfoot, Jan. 17, 1856,.....	100 00	
Same, April 25, 1864,.	100 00—	320 00

St. Stephen's, Eutaw.

W. F. Pierce, May 3. 1850,	100 00	
Alex. Jarvis, May 3, 1850,	50 00	
G. A. Wyser, (in hands of W. F. Pierce.)	100 00—	250 00

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

A. S. Nicholson, Jan. 23, 1856,	100 00	
J. J. Pegues, Aug. 1849,	25 00—	125 00

Church of Nativity, Huntsville.

Notes handed to Rev. Henry C. Lee, May 14th, 1853—as per receipt.	J. M. Bannister, Sept. 1855,	100 00	
	C. C. Clay,	150 00	
	C. C. Clay, Jr.,	62 50	
	J. W. Clay,	62 50	
	T. M. McCauley	100 00	
	J. B. Nowell,	25 00	
	J. W. Wilson,	20 00—	520 00

St. John's, Tuscumbia.

W. H. Newsom, Nov. 13, 1849,	50 00—	50 00

Trinity Church, Florence.

Jno. B. T. Smith, Nov. 1, 1849,	50 00	
R. L. Bliss, April 9, 1856,	25 00	
Thos. Simpson, April 9, 1856,	25 00	
J. M. Hood, April 10, 1856,	25 00—	125 00

Grace Church, St. Stephens.

C. Stitch, Sept. 26, 1847,	62 50—	62 50

St. John's, Elyton.

C. H. Williams, Oct. 14, 1859,	50 00—	50 00

St. Mary's, Camden.

R. H. Dawson, May 2, 1864,	50 00	
Thos. K. Beck,	150 00	
F. K. Beck,	150 00	
J. T. Dortch,	91 00	
H. E. Curtis,	50 00—	491 00
Total		$24,724 69

On motion of Mr. Randolph, it was

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire what deficiency exists in the collection of the Bishop's salary, and report to this Convention the best means of supplying such deficiency.

On motion of Rev. Mr. LEE, the Convention then took a recess.

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The Convention was called to order by the Bishop.

Mr. DAWSON, of the Committee on Finance, asked for further time, which was granted.

Rev. Mr. HANSON, from the Committee on Canons, read the following:

The Committee on Canons beg leave to report the following:

Resolved, That section second of Canon first be and the same is hereby amended, so as to substitute the words *Communicants* of the *same* for the word "*Parishioners*."

Resolved, 2d, That section 3d of Canon 1st be and the same is hereby repealed.

The Committee further report the following resolution:

Resolved, That the form of Parochial Reports be and the same is hereby amended, so as to include the number of Baptized Persons not Communicants.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the consideration of the report was postponed until to-morrow morning.

On motion of Rev. T. J. BEARD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are hereby returned to the people of Selma for their kind hospitality towards the members of this Convention.

Rev. Mr. WADDILL moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

The Bishop mooted the question of the disposition to be made of abandoned Church property.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to inquire into and report upon the power of the Convention over Church buildings and other Church property, which from the fluctuation of population or other cause has ceased to be used for Church purposes. Whereupon T. B. ROY and Rev. S. S. HARRIS were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have five hundred (500) copies of the Journal of this Convention published in uniform style and size with the Journal of 1867; and that he publish with said Journal, the Journal of the last Convention, with the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese.

Resolved, 2d, That the Secretary be authorized to draw his certified draft on the Treasurer for the expense of publishing said Journal, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same.

On motion of Rev. T. J. BEARD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are returned to the Selma Morning Times and the Church Register, for the courtesies extended by them to the members of this body.

Rev. Mr. TICKNOR offered the following:

Resolved, That this Convention take steps to create a Diocesan Officer, to be known as the Registrar, whose duty it shall be to take charge of and provide for the safe keeping and recording of all legal documents.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the Convention proceeded to the election of "The Ecclesiastical Court."

Whereupon, Rev. J. M. BANNISTER, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and Rev. S. M. BIRD were elected.

The Convention proceeded to elect Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. F. R. HANSON and Rev. F. B. LEE "The Board of Preliminary Enquiry."

On motion of Dr. BRYCE, the Convention elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund. Whereupon, Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, GEO. O. BAKER and A. G. MABRY were duly elected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. BIRD, Rev. S. S. HARRIS was allowed the privilege of the floor of the Convention in behalf of the "Church Register."

When Rev. Mr. HARRIS concluded, Mr. RANDOLPH offered the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the feasibility of purchasing a Church press, and report to this Convention the best manner of procuring one.

This elicited considerable discussion, which was participated in by Rev. Messrs. HANSON, HARRIS, MOWER, TICKNOR and Mr. DAWSON.

The Bishop explained as to the inception of the "Register," and set forth the peculiar claims which it had upon the sympathy and co-operation of this Diocese.

The resolution was adopted, and J. P. MITCHELL, J. F. KNIGHT and C. L. STICKNEY were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Rev. Mr. STICKNEY, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow (Saturday.)

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA, }
Saturday, May 15th, 1869. }

The Convention assembled and was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. M. BIRD.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the second day's proceedings, which were approved.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the reading of the proceedings of the preceding day was postponed until after Divine Service.

Rev. Mr. LEE presented Articles of Association from Grace Church, Portland, Dallas County.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, Thot Grace Church, Portland, be admitted into union with this body.

Mr. DAWSON, Chairman, read the following:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

That upon examining the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese, it appears that there is now due the Bishop, on account of his salary for the year ending May 12th, 1869, a balance of three thousand six hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty cents ($3,661 80); and that there is due Mrs. L. H. Cobbs, the widow of our late venerable Bishop, on account of her annuity for the year ending May 12th, 1869, the sum of five hundred dollars ($500), making the amount of four thousand one hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty cents ($4,161 80.) It also appears that the balance in the hands of the Treasurer on the 7th instant, as shown by his report, with the assessments collected from the various Parishes during this Convention, with what is due and will be realized from some of the Parishes not represented in this Convention, will be ample to discharge the balance due the Bishop and the annuity in favor of Mrs. Cobbs, and still leave a surplus to be applied to the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

The Committee submit herewith, as a part of their report, a tabular statement, (marked Schedule A,) showing the number of Communicants in each Parish on the 1st of May, 1868, with the assessments upon the same, and the several amounts that have been paid, and are still due, from the Parishes, for the year ending May 12th. 1869.

The Committee would state that the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) will be required to meet the wants of the Diocese for the ensuing year, and would respectfully recommend that the salary of the Bishop be continued at four thousand dollars ($4,000), leaving the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) to provide for Mrs. Cobbs' annuity and contingent expenses.

The Committee cannot omit to state that our respected and beloved Diocesan, in pursuance of that self-sacrificing course which has been always manifested by him, has generously remitted the sums due him on account of salary, up to May 12th, 1868.

In reference to the mode of raising this necessary sum, your Committee has no desire to recommend any material change in the plan of the last Convention. They have, after a careful estimate of the number of communicants in each Parish, and the supposed ability to pay of the members of each Parish, decided to recommend to the Convention the assessment against each Parish of the following amounts, (as per Schedule B,) to be raised among the members thereof, as the Vestry of each may deem equitable and just.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

SCHEDULE A.

NAMES OF PARISHES.	*No. of Communicants, May 1868.*	*Assessment.*	*Amounts Paid, May, 1869.*	*Amounts Due, May, 1869.*	*Excess Paid.*	REMARKS.
St. John's, Montgomery,...	254	635 00	635 00	.....	.....	
*Ch of Nativity, Huntsville	127	317 50	*264 35	53 15	.....	*87 50 pd Bishop, Feb. 12,'69.
Emanuel Church, Opelika,	41	102 50	44 00	58 50	....	
Trinity Church, Mobile,...	326	815 00	815 00	.....	.....	
St. James', Eufaula,.....	....	.....	120 00	.....	.....	
St. Paul's, Greensboro',...	107	267 50	273 50	.....	6 00	Paid Mr. Bond $95 35.
Holy Cross, Uniontown,...	...	.....	130 00	.....	.....	
St. Andrew's, Macon,.....	21	52 50	68 00	.....	15 30	
Trinity, Florence,.....	18	45 00	52 00	.....	7 00	
St. John's, Tuscumbia,....	23	57 50	75 00	.....	17 50	
Decatur,.....	11	27 50	20 00	7 50	.....	
Madison Station,.	11	27 50	36 00	.....	8 50	
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	22	55 00	72 00	.....	17 00	
St. Stephen's, Eutaw,.....	22	55 00	60 00	.....	5 00	
St. Alban's, Gainesville,...	13	32 50	42 50	.....	10 00	
St. Paul's, Selma,.....	105	262 50	300 00	.....	27 00	
St. Mary's, Tallassee,.....	....	.....	32 00	.....	.....	
St. Michael's, Marengo,...	31	77 50	119 27	.....	41 77	
St. Wilfrid's, Marion,.....	46	115 00	115 00	.....	.....	
St. Luke's, Jacksonville,..	19	47 50	27 00	19 50	.....	
St. Paul's, Carlowville,....	54	135 00	91 00	44 00	.....	Paid Mr. Bond $75 00.
Christ's Ch., Tuskaloosa,..	100	250 00	195 00	55 00	....	
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	54	135 00	140 25	.. ....	4 75	
St. John's, Elyton,.....	14	35 00	30 00	5 00	.....	
Christ Church, Mobile,....	252	630 00	.....	.....	.....	Subject to Treasurer.
St. Luke's Cahaba,.....	30	75 00	.....	75 00	.....	
Mission, County Line,....	18	45 00	.....	45 00	.....	
St. John's, Mobile,.....	168	414 00	141 09	322 91	.....	Paid Mr. Bond $141 09.
Opelika, Mission,.....	60	150 00	.....	150 00	....	
Calvary, Pushmataha,....	31	77 50	.....	77 50	.....	
St. James', Livingston, ..	30	75 00	.....	75 00	....	
St. Thomas', Greenville,..	48	120 00	.....	120 00	. ...	
Whistler Mission,..	41	102 50	.... ..	102 50	.....	
Athens Mission	10	25 00	25 00	.....	.....	

SCHEDULE B.

ASSESSMENT FOR DIOCESAN FUND,

For Year ending 1st May, 1870.

St. John's, Montgomery,	$650 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	400 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	75 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,	600 00
St. James', Eufaula,	150 00
St. Paul's, Greensboro',	275 00
Holy Cross, Uniontown,	100 00
St. Andrew's, Macon,	75 00
Trinity, Florence,	50 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	50 00
St. Paul's, Decatur,	20 00
Madison Station,	30 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	75 00
St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	50 00
St. Alban's, Gainesville,	40 00
St. Paul's, Selma	300 00
St. Mary's, Tallassee,	50 00
St. Michael's, Marengo,	125 00
St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	100 00
St. Luke's, Jacksonville,	50 00
St. Paul's, Carlowville,	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	150 00
St. John's, Elyton,	50 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	800 00
Mission, County Line,	50 00
St. John's, Mobile,	250 00
Calvary, Pushmataha,	50 00
St. James', Livingston,	50 00
St. Thomas', Greenville,	75 00
Athens Mission,	25 00
	$5,015 00

On motion of Mr. LYON, the report was received and concurred in.

Gen. HARDEE offered the following:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to take a policy on the life of the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., Bishop of Alabama, in the Piedmont Life Insurance Company of Virginia, for the benefit of his wife and children, for the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), and to pay the annual cash premiums out of any funds in his hands.

After discussion, participated in by Rev. Mr. STICKNEY, Messrs. DAWSON, RANDOLPH and HARDEE, the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. BEARD, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention be instructed to notify the proper officers in the delinquent Parishes of the amounts due from them for the past year, to the Bishop's salary, and request an early remittance of the same to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

On motion of Mr. LYON, the Convention proceeded to the election of Treasurer of the Diocese.

WM. BARNEWALL, Jr., of Mobile, was duly elected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. BEARD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are gratefully returned to the several Railroads of the State, and to the Trade Company and Independent line of Steamers on the Alabama river, for the courtesies extended to the members of this body.

Dr. RIGGS offered the following:

WHEREAS, The *Church Register*, located at Montgomery, and edited by the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, as an organ of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the South, and more especially of that of the Diocese of Alabama, is capable of being made of incalculable benefit to the Church by familiarizing the masses with her pure principles and beautiful customs, and by carrying home to them in their hours of retirement, food for reflection, tending to draw them more nearly to the Church; and as a duty which we owe to its respected editor, earned by him by his untiring zeal, self-sacrificing devotion and Christian energy; we, each of us, here present, Clerical and Lay, pledge ourselves to earnestly endeavor to procure subscribers for said journal, to promote its general circulation, and to promptly forward to the editor, for his use, all items calculated to interest his readers, which we can procure in our different Parishes. And in order to practically embody the above sentiments, we do recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the President of this Convention appoint a Standing Committee, to be known and styled, "The Committee on the Church Register," to be composed of five Laymen, one to reside in Huntsville, one in Eufaula, one in Montgomery, one in Selma, and one in Mobile, whose duty it shall be to obtain subscriptions to the above named Church journal, and procure its wide-spread circulation among the people, as far as in their power lies.

Resolved, 2. That one of the five, to be designated as Chairman, shall make a full report of their work to the ensuing Annual Convention of this Diocese, of all that has been done by them during the year past, in support of this laudable enterprise.

The Preamble and Resolutions were adopted, and the Chairman appointed GEORGE A. GORDON, Huntsville; W. H. BRAY, Eufaula; ROB'T H. SOMMERVILLE, Montgomery; HUGH L. COLE, Mobile, and BENJ. H. RIGGS, Selma, as the Committee on the Church Register.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to Mr. JAMES BOND, of Mobile, for his services as Treasurer of the Diocese for the past two years.

Mr. BOY, Chairman, read a report from the Committee on Church Property, as follows:

The Committee appointed "to consider and report upon the power of the Convention over Church buildings and other property, which, from fluctuations of population, or other causes, have ceased to be used for Church purposes," construing the reference as confining them to the legal view of the question, make the following report for the information of the Convention:

That by an Act of the Legislature of Alabama, entitled an "Act to Incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, &c.," approved December 12th, 1864, the Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, Bishop of said Diocese, and his successors in office, are created a *corporation sole*, with power to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal estate to the amount of one million dollars, in specie or its equivalent. The Bishop of the Diocese, therefore, subject to the above limitation as to the amount,

has power of control and disposition without reference to this Convention, or any other authority, over all real and personal property, the legal title to which has vested in such *corporation sole.* The question as to what titles are thus vested, and what property has become subject to such control, can only be determined by examination of the titles in each particular case.

Respectfully submitted.

T. B. ROY, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, the report was received and the Committee discharged.

Mev. Mr. STICKNEY read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church, as follows:

Your Committee are gratified with the picture presented, after traversing the various avenues of information open for obtaining a true estimate of the present state of the Church in our Diocese.

Symptoms of life, health, growth, are unmistakably on the increase from year to year. Not only do we find active, loving efforts putting forth to build up again the Sacred Temples, laid waste by the late desolation of our country, but a hearty, growing appreciation of the rich treasure we have inherited in the Church's grand Commemorative System of her Spouse's Scheme of Redemption. The older Clergy especially can bear their grateful testimony that the clouds of hate and prejudice which used to obscure our Mother's beauty from the common observer, are rapidly breaking away. Where our ever-honored and loved first Bishop, with all his Apostolical zeal was permitted the joy of welcoming only a meagre handful to Confirmation, his worthy and no less zealous successor, dispenses that blessing to the number doubled and often quadrupled. And it is worthy of note, as a sign of increasing life, that the late approaches to this holy Rite, on the part of the penitent recipients, have evinced an uncommon degree of tender sensibility—some evidence we humbly trust of the touching, comforting influence of the Holy Spirit. But such cause for devout thankfulness also encourages us to press forward with renewed aggressiveness. Every step secured opens the way for yet more signal victories in the Church Militant. *Systematic action* is the salient point your Committee would fain assist you in urging. It is what we need. We shall accomplish little without it.

1. The unpretending plan adopted for another year's Missionary operations in our Diocese needs but the vigorous application of this system for producing incredible results to God's glory in His good time.

2. In our thin ranks of Clergy, we suggest that among ways and means devised for supplying strength, they persevere with the Laity in trying to secure the habit of reading carefully selected books. Not even preaching, catechising or visiting, is more efficient to ground the Church's children in her sanctifying system. Any booksellers, or even merchants, would gladly respond in supplying such books to the market, if furnished with their lists and assisted in the sale by their recommendation to the people.

3. Our "Church Register," too, could prove a strong helping friend to the Parish Priest, no less than to the Missionary. And being a visitor so strictly systematic, it ought to stand second only to the faithful Pastor's visits.

4. A native home Clergy are so indispensable to us, especially under the adversities incident to our nation's subjugation, that the idea need not be entertained of obtaining outside assistance. To build up strictly within our own borders, is, perhaps, our only hope.

To the training school of the South at Sewanee we naturally look for the education of our sons. Our future Clerical recruits must be drawn

thence. That is to be our fountain of supplies—the Church's emporium; and our Diocese justly claims a share in it. We helped to found it by contributions. Let us see to it that we come not short in pressing our claims—in obtaining a liberal effusion of the wholesome knowledge so liberally diffused by the efficient instructors now in charge of that, our struggling, growing nursery.

W. A. STICKNEY, Chairman.

The report was received.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service.

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The Convention was called to order by the President.

The Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are returned to Masters Richard H. Mabry and George R. Evans, who have been acting as Pages, and the Treasurer be authorized to pay each of them the sum of five dollars.

On motion of Dr. BRYCE, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to Gen. George D. Johnston for his very liberal offer to remit his commissions upon the premium on the policy of the life of Bishop Wilmer, in the Piedmont Life Insurance Company.

Mr. C. L. STICKNEY read the following:

The Committee to whom it was referred to inquire into the feasibility of purchasing a press for the Church, to be used in the publication of the "Church Register," beg leave to report:

That in view of the straitened condition of the finances at the immediate control of the Convention, and the inexpediency of its committing itself, as a body, to the support of enterprises, however laudable, not falling within the strict limits of its duties, the Committee deem it inexpedient that the Convention should direct any appropriation of funds under its control for this purpose.

The Committee beg further to report, however, that in their opinion the continued maintenance and hearty support of the "Church Register" is not only a duty of the highest order to the Church, but an obligation of a peculiar and binding character upon the Convention, and each member of the same, and the purchase of a press is most strongly recommended, and the necessity therefor cannot be too strongly insisted upon. The best, and indeed the only practicable plan of accomplishing such an object is by renewed and vigorous effort to increase the subscription list of the "Register," and a proper and continued effort in such behalf would more than realize the desired result, and would, moreover, assure the continued existence of the paper, and extension of its excellent influence. The Committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That small contributions be solicited for the purpose of purchasing a press to be placed at the disposal of the "Church Register," to be regarded as the property of the several Dioceses contributing to its purchase.

Resolved, 2d. That the Bishops in the respective Dioceses be requested to solicit of the Parishes, through the Ministers, or efficient Laymen, contributions in aid of this object, to be forwarded to the Treasurers of the several Dioceses, subject to the order of the Bishops, or such persons as they may elect, and disposed of for the purpose herein contemplated.

Resolved, 3d. That in appreciation of the very efficient services of the Editor of the "Church Register," this Convention recommend to the people of this Diocese, as early action as practicable in forwarding the very desirable object designed by these resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. L. STICKNEY, }
J. F. KNIGHT, } Committee.
J. P. MITCHELL, }

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the report was received, concurred in, and the resolutions adopted.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the Convention proceeded to consider the resolutions reported by the Committee on Canons.

The resolution amending the form of Parochial Reports, so as to include "The number of Baptized Persons not Communicants," on motion of Mr. DAWSON, was adopted.

The other resolutions reported, were read as follows:

Resolved, 1st. That Section 2, of Canon 1st, be, and the same is hereby amended so as to substitute the words "Communicants of the same," for the word "Parishioners."

Resolved, 2d. That Section 3d of Canon 1st, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. DAWSON moved their adoption. This elicited a lively discussion which was participated in by Rev. Messrs. BEARD, TICKNOR and COBBS Messrs. DAWSON and RIGGS favoring, and Rev. Messrs. HANSON, LEE and STICKNEY, and Gen. HARDEE opposing the adoption.

Rev. Mr. BEARD moved the previous question—to cut short the debate The President, from the Chair, favored the change proposed by the resolution.

The call for the previous question was then agreed to.

On demand, the vote was taken by Orders and Parishes, on the adoption of the resolution, with the following result:

	Orders.	*Parishes.*	
Ayes.—	Rev. T. J. Beard,	St. Paul's Parish,	Greensboro,
	" R. H. Cobbs,	St. John's "	Montgomery,
	" B. F. Mower,	St. Paul's "	Selma,
	" S. W. Smith,	Christ Ch. "	Tuskaloosa,
	" J. H. Ticknor,	St. Luke's "	Jacksonville.
	Total, . . 5.	Total, . . 5.	

	Orders.	*Parishes.*
Nays.—	Rev. F. R. Hanson,	
	" F. B. Lee,	St. Wilfrid's, Marion.
	" W. A. Stickney.	Total, . . 1.
	Total, . . 3.	

Trinity Parish, Mobile, divided.

And the President announced that the resolution reported, limiting Lay representation from the Parishes, to the "Communicants of the same," was adopted.

On motion of Rev. T. J. BEARD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered the Choir of St. Paul's Church, Selma, for their faithful and efficient attendance upon the services of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Secretary read the Minutes of the session of to-day, which were approved.

On motion of Rev. S. M. BIRD, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICHARD H. WILMER, President.

R. M. NELSON, Secretary.

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Bishop of the Diocese.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER.

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REV. F. B. LEE.

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REV. J. M. BANISTER. REV. J. H. TICKNOR.
REV. S. M. BIRD.

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No. 2.—REV. J. H. TICKNOR. No. 4.—C. T. POLLARD.

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List of Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

Rt. Rev. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.,....Mobile.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., "Church of the Nativity,".Huntsville.
" T. J. BEARD, Evangelist to North Alabama,.....Huntsville.
" S. M. BIRD, St. Paul's Church,..... .....Selma.
" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,.....Greensboro'.
" *THOS. A. COOK,† residing in.....Talladega.
" *F. W. DAMUS, ...Mobile.
" JOHNSON C. DAVIS, St. James' Church, ...Eufaula.
" JOHN FULTON, D. D., Christ Church,.....Mobile.
" JOHN Y. GHOLSON, St. Michael's Church,.....Faunsdale.
" *WM. GUILFORD, residing at.....Nickajack, Tenn
" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon, ...Demopolis.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,.....Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,.....Carlowville.
" *J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church, ...Mobile.
" B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church,.....Tallassee.
" R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., St. John's Church,.....Mobile.
" W. J. PERDUE, St. Paul's Church,.....Lowndesboro.
" *J. B. RAMSDELL, residing in.....Louisville, Ky.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON, ...Huntsville.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,.....Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Evangelist in Central Alabama,.....Talladega.
" W. A. STICKNEY, St. Wilfrid's, and Missionary,.....Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr., St. John's Church, Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, ...Mobile.
" J. C. WADDILL,.....Selma.

DEACONS.

Rev. T. L. BANISTER, Ass't to Rector of Trinity Church..Mobile.
" *P. A. FITTS, Ass't to Rector of Christ Church.....Tuskaloosa.
" *DeB. WADDELL, officiating at.....Seal's Station.

Those marked (*) were not in attendance. Those marked thus (†) were not entitled to seats.

Candidates for Orders.

THOMAS W. HALL,
J. F. KNIGHT,
EVERARD MEAD,
EDWARD L. STICKNEY,
JAMES W. KEEBLE,
HERBERT N. LATHROP,
SAMUEL E. NORTON,
LEROY A. WATSON,
PHILIP D. WOOLHOPTER.

Lay Readers.

Dr. R. L. BLISS,	Florence.
M. R. JARVIS,	Selma.
T. B. ROY,	Selma.
R. M. NELSON,	Selma.
R. F. HERR,	Livingston.
LEROY J. WATSON,	Mobile.
MILTON SAYRE,	Union Springs.
EDWIN SHIELD,	Uniontown.
JNO. D. PHELAN,	Montgomery.
J. WITHERS CLAY,	Huntsville.
S. M. WILSON,	Greenville.
JNO. D. HOKE,	Jacksonville.
Dr. NATHAN'L HAWKINS,	Elyton.
ASA J. ROBERTS,	Mobile.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY,	Greensboro'.
A. BENNERS,	Greensboro'.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'—

C. L. Stickney,
*R. B. Waller, Sr.
*Jno. G. Harvey,
A. Benners,
*J. D. Osborne.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma—

N. H. R. Dawson,
M. R. Jarvis,
A. G. Mabry, Jr.
*Wm. J. Hardee,
R. M. Nelson.

Christ Church, Mobile—

Daniel McNeill,
Henry A. Lowe,
Henry Barnewall,
*Nelson W. Perry,
*Henry Farrow.

St. James' Parish, Eufaula—

W. H. Bray,
*J. H. Hobart,
*P. D. Woolhopter,
*Ernest Catterville.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—

W. F. Pierce.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery—

Charles T. Pollard,
P. T. Sayre,
Josiah Morris,
R. H. Sommerville,
F. C. Randolph.

St. John's Parish, Mobile—

James Bond,
W. T. Walthall.

St. Michael's Parish, Marengo Co.—

David Minge,
*C. Badenhausen,
*R. N. Harris.

Trinity Parish, Demopolis—

*B. W. Whitfield,
*John Robertson,
James Whitfield.

St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes County—

K. P. McCord,
*D. J. McCord,
*George E. McCord.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—

*R. E. Cox,
*L. P. Walker,
*W. W. Garth,
*Geo. A. Gordon,
Lucien Mathews.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown—

Edwin Shield,
*Jno. M. Langhorne,
*Wm. Bradfield.

St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro'—

H. H. Whetstone,
*J. P. Wilson.

Trinity Parish, Mobile—

*C. A. Bradford,
*W. J. Peckham,
*W. G. Jones,
*H. T. Toulmin,
M. E. Macartney.

St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee—

B. H. Micou.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion—

*J. J. Seawell,
*Jno. Walthall,
*Powhatan Lockett,
*J. F. Knight,
*E. B. Thompson.

Emanuel Church, Opelika—

Richard C. Jeter.

St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville—

*H. A. Herbert,
S. M. Wilson.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Officers of the Convention.

President.

THE RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Secretary.
RICHARD M. NELSON, SELMA.

Assistant Secretary.
M. E. MACARTNEY, MOBILE.

Treasurer.—WM. BARNEWALL, JR., MOBILE.

Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Fund.
JOSEPH W. FIELD, MOBILE.

Registrar.—M. E. MACARTNEY, MOBILE.

Standing Committee.

THE REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., PRESIDENT,.....MOBILE.
" " R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., SECRETARY,..... "
" " JOHN FULTON, D. D.,..... "
MESSRS. W. G. JONES, F. B. CLARK, JAMES BOND.... "

Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. REV. F. R. HANSON. REV. F. B. LEE.

Ecclesiastical Court.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. REV. S. M. BIRD. REV. J. H. TICKNOR.

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Committees of the Convention.

Committee on the State of the Church.

Rev. Messrs. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
W. A. STICKNEY,
F. R. HANSON.
S. U. SMITH,
B. F. MOWER,
T. J. BEARD,
S. M. BIRD.

Messrs. HENRY A. LOWE,
C. T. POLLARD,
A. G. MABRY, Jr.
EDWIN SHIELD,
W. T. WALTHALL.

Committee on Canons.

Rev. Messrs. JOHN FULTON, D. D.
R. D. NEVIUS, D. D.
J. Y. GHOLSON,

Messrs. W. F. PIERCE,
F. C. RANDOLPH,
R. M. NELSON.

Committee on Finance.

Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON,
DANIEL McNEILL,
M. E. MACARTNEY,
JOSIAH MORRIS,
W. H. BRAY,
JAMES BOND,

Messrs. H. H. WHETSTONE,
R. P. McCORD,
LUCIEN MATHEWS.

Rev. Messrs. F. R. HANSON,
H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr.
W. J. PERDUE.

Committee on unfinished Business.

Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rev. J. C. WADDILL, M. R. JARVIS.

Committee on the Hamner Hall Property.

Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS,
J. H. TICKNOR,
F. R. HANSON,

Messrs. DAVID MINGE,
HENRY BARNEWALL,
N. H. R. DAWSON,
JAMES BOND.

Committee on Diocesan Building Fund.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. JOSEPH W. FIELD.
C. A. BRADFORD.

Committee on Bishop Cobbs' Monument.

Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr. JOSIAH MORRIS.
CHAS. T. POLLARD.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled at St. John's Church, Montgomery, on Wednesday the 11th day of May, A. D., 1870.

Morning prayer was said at 6 A. M. by the Rev. Messrs. COBBS, BEARD and STICKNEY.

At 11 A. M. the Litany and Ante-Communion Service were said by the Rev. S. M. BIRD, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. STRINGFELLOW, J. M. MITCHELL of the Diocese of Georgia, JOHN FULTON, D. D. and J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Sermon by the Rev. R. H. COBBS, from the text

"Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." [St. John, xx, 23.]

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. Mr. MITCHELL of Georgia, Rev. Mr. FOSTER of Mississippi, Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D. and Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW.

Divine service being concluded, it was announced that the Convention would sit for business in the court room of the U. S. District Court, which had been tendered for that purpose.

The Clergy and Laity repairing to the place designated, the Bishop called the Convention to order, and presented the following:

LIST OF CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS.

Right Rev. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD,	" B. F. MOWER,
" S. M. BIRD,	" R. D. NEVIUS, D. D.
" R. H. COBBS,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" F. W. DAMUS,	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" JOHNSON C. DAVIS,	" S. U. SMITH,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.	" J. F. SMITH,
" JOHN Y. GHOLSON,	" WM. A. STICKNEY,
" F. R. HANSON,	" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR.
" GEORGE H. HUNT,	" J. H. TICKNOR,
" F. B. LEE,	" J. C. WADDILL.

Rev. T. L. BANISTER, Deacon,
" P. A. FITTS, "
" DEB. WADDELL, "

The Secretary of the last Convention called the roll of Clergy as presented, when the following answered to their names, viz:

Right Rev. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Messrs. HANSON,	Rev. Messrs. S. U. SMITH,
BEARD,	HUNT,	STICKNEY,
BIRD,	MOWER,	STRINGFELLOW.
COBBS,	NEVIUS, D. D.	TICKNOR,
FULTON, D. D.	PERDUE,	WADDILL,
GHOLSON,	J. F. SMITH,	

Rev. T. L. BANISTER, Deacon. TOTAL, 18.

The list of Parishes was then called, and credentials of Lay Deputies laid upon the Secretary's table.

The credentials were referred to a committee, consisting of the Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., Rev. R. H. COBBS, Rev. S. U. SMITH.

The Committee on Credentials of Lay Deputies reported through the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, Chairman, that the following were entitled to seats, viz:

St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'.

Jno. G. Harvey, C. L. Stickney, A. Benners,
J. D. Osborne, R. B. Waller, Sr.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, A. G. Mabry, Jr. M. R. Jarvis,
R. M. Nelson, Wm. J. Hardee.

Christ Church, Mobile.

Daniel McNeill, Henry Barnewall, Henry Farrow,
Nelson W. Perry, Henry A. Lowe.

St. James' Parish, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, P. D. Woolhopter, J. H. Hobart,
Ernest Catterville.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

William F. Pierce.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

Chas. T. Pollard, Josiah Morris, P. T. Sayre,
R. H. Sommerville, F. C. Randolph.

St. John's Parish, Mobile.

James Bond, W. T. Walthall.

St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County.

David Minge, C. Badenhausen, R. N. Harris.

Trinity Parish, Demopolis.

B. W. Whitfield, John Robertson, James Whitfield.

St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes.

R. P. McCord, D. J. McCord, Geo. E. McCord.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

R. E. Cox, W. W. Garth, L. P. Walker,
George A. Gordon, Lucien Mathews.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Shield, Jno. M. Langhorne, Wm. Bradfield.

St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro.

H. H. Whetstone, J. P. Wilson.

Trinity Parish, Mobile.

C. A. Bradford, W. G. Jones, M. E. Macartney.
W. J. Peckham, H. T. Toulmin.

Their names being called, there were found present of the Lay Deputies

Messrs. DAWSON,	Messrs. NELSON,	Messrs. MABRY, Jr.
McNEILL,	JARVIS,	BARNEWALL,
LOWE,	POLLARD,	PIERCE,
SAYRE,	MORRIS,	WALTHALL,
RANDOLPH,	SHIELD,	MINGE,
R. P. McCORD,	MATHEWS,	MACARTNEY,
WHETSTONE,	BRAY.	

Total present, 20 Deputies, representing 12 Parishes.

A quorum of both Orders being ascertained to be present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

The election of a Secretary being the first business in order, the Rev. R. H. COBBS nominated R. M. NELSON, Esq., and, the ballot being dispensed with, Mr. NELSON was unanimously re-elected Secretary.

The Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW, under a suspension of the rules, was permitted to read the following, viz:

The Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Montgomery, respectfully ask the Convention to appoint a Committee to inquire, whether any better disposition can be made of the Hamner Hall property than that now existing, in order to secure the object for which it was originally erected.

On motion, the request was granted, and the Committee was announced by the President to consist of Rev. R. H. COBBS, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rev. F. R. HANSON, Messrs. DAVID MINGE, HENRY BARNEWALL and N. H. R. DAWSON.

Rev. Mr. HANSON moved the adoption of "The Rules of Order of the Convention of 1869."

Mr. WALTHALL offered the following substitute, which was accepted by Rev. Mr. HANSON, and adopted by the Convention:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to prepare Rules of Order for the government of this Convention, pending which the "Rules of Order of 1869" are adopted.

Messrs. W. T. WALTHALL, N. H. R. DAWSON and Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, were appointed the Committee.

To the call for applications of Churches or Parishes for admission to union with the Convention, there was no response.

The President announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. J. M. Banister, D. D., W. A. Stickney, S. U. Smith, F. R. Hanson, B. F. Mower, T. J. Beard, S. M. Bird; Messrs. Henry A. Lowe, A. G. Mabry, Jr., C. T. Pollard, Edwin Shield, W. T. Walthall.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Messrs. John Fulton, D. D., R. D. Nevius, D. D., J. Y. Gholson; Messrs. W. F. Pierce, F. C. Randolph, R. M. Nelson.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, Daniel McNeill, M. E. Macartney, Josiah Morris, W. H. Bray, James Bond, H. H. Whetstone. R. P. McCord, Lucien Mathews; Rev. Messrs. F. R. Hanson, H. Stringfellow, Jr., W. J. Perdue.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. J. C. Waddill, M. R. Jarvis.

Mr. MCNEILL offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Credentials report the Parishes entitled to representation in this Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW it was

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourns it adjourn to meet daily at 9 A. M., to continue in session until 2 P. M.

Mr. WALTHALL here rose and stated that, to his surprise, he had just learned that St. John's Parish, Mobile, to which he belonged, was in arrears for a previous year, and therefore he would, by permission of the Convention, withdraw.

Rev. Mr. MOWER moved to adjourn. The motion was lost.

The withdrawal of Mr. WALTHALL was opposed with spirit, and after an animated discussion, participated in generally, it was, on motion of Rev. Mr. TICKNOR,

Resolved, That the assessment on St. John's Parish, Mobile, for the Convention year ending May 12th, 1869, be remitted by this Convention.

The Convention then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, May 12th, 1870.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Right Reverend President.

The roll of the Clergy being called there were found present

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Messrs HANSON,	Rev. Messrs. S. U. SMITH,
BEARD,	HUNT,	STRINGFELLOW,
BIRD,	MOWER,	STICKNEY,
COBBS,	NEVIUS, D. D.	TICKNOR,
FULTON, D. D.	PERDUE,	WADDILL,
GHOLSON,	J. F. SMITH	T. L. BANISTER.

Of the Laity were present

Messrs. DAWSON,	Messrs. SHIELD,	Messrs. MORRIS,
McNEILL,	MACARTNEY,	SOMMERVILLE,
LOWE,	BOND,	WALTHALL,
POLLARD,	BRAY,	MINGE,
SAYRE,	MABRY, JR.	MATHEWS,
RANDOLPH,	JARVIS,	WHETSTONE,
R. P. McCORD,	BARNEWALL,	NELSON,
	PIERCE.	

Of these Messrs. BOND and SOMMERVILLE had not previously taken their seats.

The Committee on Credentials reported the certificate in due form entitling B. H. MICOU to a seat in the Convention, as Lay Deputy from St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee.

Mr. JAMES WHITFIELD, from Trinity Parish, Demopolis, appeared and took his seat.

The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Mr. WALTHALL moved a suspension of the Rules that he might offer the report of the "Committee on Rules of Order."

The motion prevailed.

Mr. WALTHALL then read the report.

Rev. Mr. HANSON moved that the "Rules of Order," reported by the Committee be read and acted upon separately.

Rev. Dr. FULTON offered as a substitute "That the Rules so reported, be acted upon as a whole."

The substitute was carried.

On the motion of the Rev. Dr. FULTON, the Rules of Order as reported by the Committee, were adopted, and the Secretary instructed to have them printed for the use of the Convention.

(Vide Appendix A.)

The President announced that the Secretary had appointed as Assistant Secretary, Mr. M. E. MACARTNEY, of Trinity Parish, Mobile.

The Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, being next in order, the Rev. Dr. FULTON, from the Committee, asked for further time, which was granted.

The Rev. Dr. NEVIUS moved that, under a suspension of the Rules, the Bishop be requested to read his Annual Address to the Convention, in the Church of St. John's, at such an hour to-morrow morning, as may be to him convenient.

The motion not meeting with a second, was by the Reverend mover withdrawn.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address.

(Vide Appendix B.)

The Rev. Mr. HANSON offered the following, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address, which refers to the propriety of erecting a suitable monument over the grave of the late venerated Bishop COBBS, be referred to a Committee consisting of one Clergyman and two Laymen, with instructions to report to this Convention some practicable plan for carrying out the suggestion of the Bishop.

The Rev. Mr. HANSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and HENRY A. LOWE were appointed the Committee.

The President then had read the Standing Committees as appointed by him yesterday.

The Committee on Credentials reported as entitled to a seat in this Convention from St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion, the following Lay Deputies, viz:

J. J. SEAWELL,	POWHATAN LOCKETT,	JOHN WALTHALL,
J. F. KNIGHT,	E. B. THOMPSON.	

The Committee on the Hamner Hall Property, through their Chairman, asked leave and were permitted to retire.

To the call for Reports of Committees appointed at the last Convention to report at this, there was no response.

The Convention then heard the reading of the Parochial Reports.

(Vide Appendix C.)

On motion of the Rev. Mr. HANSON, the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church, with instructions to furnish for printing, such portions of them as the Rt. Rev. President may direct.

Under a suspension of the Rules, the Committee on the Hamner Hall Property, made their report, which was amended, discussed, re-committed, and made the special order of the day for to-morrow at 11 A. M.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, Mr. JAMES BOND was added to the Committee.

And the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, May 13th, 1870.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment at 9 A. M. The Right Reverend President called to order.

Of the Clergy there were present

The Right Reverend R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Messrs. GHOLSON,	Rev. Messrs. J. F. SMITH,
BEARD,	HANSON,	S. U. SMITH,
BIRD,	HUNT,	STICKNEY,
COBBS,	MOWER,	STRINGFELLOW,
DAVIS,	NEVIUS, D. D.	TICKNOR,
FULTON, D. D.	PERDUE,	WADDILL,
	T. L. BANISTER.	

Of the Laity were present

Messrs. DAWSON,	Messrs. MABRY, JR.	Messrs. NELSON,
JARVIS,	McNEILL,	BARNEWALL,
LOWE,	BRAY,	PIERCE,
POLLARD,	MORRIS,	SAYRE,
SOMMERVILLE,	RANDOLPH,	BOND,
WALTHALL,	MINGE,	JAS. WHITFIELD,
R. P. McCORD,	MATHEWS,	SHIELD,
WHETSTONE,	MACARTNEY.	

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported certificate in due form entitling RICHARD C. JETER to a seat in this Convention as Lay Deputy from Emanuel Church, Opelika.

Mr. JETER appeared and took his seat.

The Convention then proceeded to elect by ballot as the

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. WILLIAM G. JONES,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.	F. B. CLARK,
" R. D. NEVIUS, D. D.	JAMES BOND.

The Rev. Mr. TICKNOR presented Articles of Association from the Parish of Evergreen, St. Mary's Mission, which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund presented his Report and Accounts, which were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. JOHNSON C. DAVIS, M. R. JARVIS and RICHARD C. JETER.

The Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese was read by the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, Secretary, as follows, viz:

The Standing Committee was organized on June 7th, 1869, by the election of the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., as Chairman, and the Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., as Secretary.

The following persons have been recommended to be received by the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders, viz: ED. L. STICKNEY and W. H. ARMSTRONG, late a Methodist Minister.

The following persons to be received as Candidates for Priest's Orders, viz: Rev. JOHNSON C. DAVIS and Rev. T. L. BANISTER.

The following to be ordained Deacons, viz: Mr. JOHNSON C. DAVIS and Mr. DEB. WADDELL.

The following to be ordained Priests, viz: Rev. S. S. HARRIS and Rev. JOHNSON C. DAVIS.

On November 4th, 1869, the Committee gave its cordial and unanimous consent to the Consecration of the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D.D. L.L. D., as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas, Indian Territory and Parts Adjacent.

In September, 1869, Mr. JAMES BOND was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of Dr. F. E. GORDON.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention being next in order, was, on motion, postponed until the next Convention.

Messrs. A. BENNERS and CHARLES L. STICKNEY, Lay Deputies from St. Paul's, Greensboro, appeared and took their seats.

Rev. Mr. WADDILL read the Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business as follows, viz:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business report:

1st. That on page 37 of the Journal of 1868 are found Articles of Association for new Parishes, but it does not appear that they were adopted by the Convention.

2d. That on page 17 of the last Journal (1869) we find a Committee was to report to this Convention their action in having an Act of Incorporation amended by the Legislature of Alabama.

3d. On page 41 of the last Journal (1869) a resolution appears to have been introduced, but was not acted on, creating the office of Registrar.

(Signed) J. F. SMITH,
J. COOPER WADDILL,
M. R. JARVIS.

On motion of Mr. WALTHALL, the consideration of the first item was postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Rev. Mr. COBBS, Mr. P. T. SAYRE was added to the Committee referred to in the second item of the Report, and the Committee continued.

Rev. Mr. HANSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the office of Registrar be created by this Convention and a Registrar be elected.

On motion of Rev. Mr. WADDILL, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Rev. Mr. STRINGFELLOW, Candidates for Holy Orders were invited to seats upon the floor of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. MCNEILL, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to prepare and report a Canon creating the office of Diocesan Printer.

Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, from the Committee on Credentials, reported that the Articles of Association of the Parish of Evergreen, St. Mary's Mission, were in due form.

The Rev. Mr. HANSON, from the Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the erection of a monument over the grave of the Right Reverend Bishop COBBS, reported as follows, viz:

That the memory of Bishop COBBS needs no monument of marble, or of brass, to preserve it fresh in the hearts of the Churchmen of Alabama.

His pure life, devoted zeal, gentle manners and sympathetic nature will lead many after him to Heaven. But it has always been esteemed by Christians a duty which the living owe to the holy and venerated dead to preserve their graves from desecration, and to mark the spot where their consecrated dust reposes with an enduring memento.

For this reason your Committee would recommend to this Convention to erect over the grave of our late Bishop an appropriate monument, and would offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That this Convention appropriate not less than Two Thousand Dollars to erect a Monument over the grave of the Right Reverend NICHOLAS HAMNER COBBS, D. D.

Resolved, 2d, That the Clergymen and Laymen present in Convention pledge their respective Parishes or Churches for such sums as they may think they can raise for the purpose.

Resolved, 3d, That a Committee of three, of which the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery, shall ex-officio be Chairman, be appointed by the Bishop to act in concert with the Bishop in carrying into effect the object of these Resolutions.

F. R. HANSON, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. Dr. FULTON, the Report was received and the Resolutions acted upon separately.

The first Resolution was read and adopted.

The second was amended as follows, viz:

Resolved, That the Clergy and Laity of this Convention be instructed to bring the subject of the erection of a Monument to the late Bishop COBBS before their respective Parishes at the earliest practicable moment, with a view to their taking immediate action in the premises, and that they report the amounts raised to a Committee in Montgomery, to be hereafter appointed, on or before the 1st day of August next (1870).

The Resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The third Resolution was adopted as reported.

The Chairman, under the third Resolution, appointed as the Committee on Bishop COBBS' Monument, Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., Rector of St. John's, Montgomery; JOSIAH MORRIS and CHARLES T. POLLARD.

On motion of Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, it was

Resolved, That the Parish of Evergreen, St. Mary's Mission, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The hour of eleven having arrived, the special order of the day was announced by the President to be the Report of the Committee on the Hamner Hall Property.

The Rev. Mr. COBBS, Chairman, then read the Report, which was received:

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, to compromise and assume the debt due the Bishop's Fund by the Trustees of Hamner Hall, in consideration that the Convention relinquished the right to elect Trustees of Hamner Hall, have had the matter under consideration, and have examined the articles of subscription for the organization of said Hamner Hall School, and the act of incorporation by the Legislature of Alabama, and find that under the original articles of subscription the Convention had the right to elect Trustees; but under the act of incorporation the property was vested in the Trustees with the right to fill vacancies and keep up their succession, and it does not now appear that the Convention has any control over the property.

The proposition of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, we are informed, is approved by the Trustees, and they have the right by law to dispose of the property by sale.

It is apparent, however, that the property is dedicated to charitable, educational and religious purposes, and this dedication, your Committee thinks, should be kept in view.

The Committee agree that the change would be advantageous to the welfare of the School. They also concur in thinking the proposal to assume the debt due the Bishop's Fund, upon the terms proposed, is equitable, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That this Convention, in behalf of the Church at large in this Diocese, consents to and approves of the transfer of the Hamner Hall Property to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen* of St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

II. *Resolved*, That it is apparent to this Convention that said property has been dedicated to Educational and Charitable purposes in conformity with the doctrine, discipline and worship of this Church, and that the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, should never permit it, or the proceeds thereof, to be diverted from such purposes.

III. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of this Church, having jurisdiction over the Parish of St. John's, Montgomery, shall have a visitorial power over said property and the institutions connected therewith.

IV. *Resolved*, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund are hereby authorized to receive in payment of the notes now due the said Fund, by the Trustees of said Hamner Hall, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars, with interest payable annually from the 1st day of May, 1870, to be secured by note payable in five years from said 1st of May, with mortgage upon the Hamner Hall Property, with power of sale in case of failure to pay either the interest annually or the principal at maturity, on thirty days' public notice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) R. H. COBBS, Chairman.

The resolutions, as reported, were adopted, *seriatim*.

Mr. BOND, former Treasurer, presented his Report, which, on motion, was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAWSON read the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary read and presented the Report, Accounts and Vouchers of WILLIAM BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, which, on motion of Rev. Dr. FULTON, were received.

Accompanying the Treasurer's Report was the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the Parishes of the Diocese are urgently requested to make payment of their dues to the Diocesan Treasurer, regularly, every quarter.

On motion of Rev. Dr. FULTON, the Resolution, after discussion, was adopted.

On motion of Mr. NELSON, the Report and Accounts of the Treasurer were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAWSON, Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, presented his accounts, which, on motion of Mr. RANDOLPH, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

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* See Mr. SAYRE's Resolution in Fourth Day's Proceedings.

Mr. WALTHALL gave notice of a Resolution, to be offered to-morrow, to repeal Section 3 of Canon VI, Title I.

Mr. WALTHALL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the propriety of so amending the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese as to require the concurrent consent of the Bishop, the Clerical and Lay Deputies in order to the validity of any positive action of the Convention.

The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. P. T. SAYRE offered the following, which were adopted:

I. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to procure, as far as possible, copies of the Journals of each of the Diocesan Conventions of this Diocese from the organization thereof, and have them bound.

II. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to have said Journals at each meeting of the Convention.

Rev. T. J. BEARD offered the following, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one Presbyter and two Laymen, be appointed by the President to report at the next Convention some plan for the establishment of a Building Fund for the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. T. L. BANISTER moved that the next Annual Convention be held in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Mr. MATHEWS proposed the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

On motion of Rev. Dr. FULTON, the whole matter was postponed until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

And the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at the usual hour.

SATURDAY, May 14th, 1870.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Right Reverend President called to order.

Of the Clergy were present

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Messrs. GHOLSON,	Rev. Messrs. S. U. SMITH,
BEARD,	HANSON,	STICKNEY,
BIRD,	HUNT,	TICKNOR,
COBBS,	MOWER,	WADDILL,
DAVIS,	NEVIUS, D. D.	T. L. BANISTER,
FULTON, D. D.	J. F. SMITH.	

Of the Laity

Messrs. PIERCE,	Messrs. DAWSON,	Messrs. RANDOLPH,
JARVIS,	NELSON,	MABRY, JR.
LOWE,	McNEILL,	BARNEWALL,
MACARTNEY,	SOMMERVILLE,	SAYRE,
WALTHALL,	BOND,	WHETSTONE,
JAS. WHITFIELD,	SHIELD,	BENNERS,
STICKNEY,	BRAY,	POLLARD,
MORRIS,	MINGE,	R. P. McCORD,
MATHEWS,	JETER.	

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The special order being announced, on motion of Mr. DAWSON, was postponed to allow the Committee on Finance to make their Report.

The Chairman, Mr. DAWSON, then read Reports from Committee, both General and Special.

The General and Special Reports were received and concurred in.

(Vide Appendix D.)

Mr. BOND, Chairman *pro tem.*, read the following from the Committee on Finance, viz:

The Committee on Finance have carefully considered the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund and the Accounts of the Treasurer thereof, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

I. *Resolved*, That the said Trustees be authorized to cancel and return to the several Parishes the Notes embraced in Schedule A, appended to their Report, and that the Notes of the Clergymen be likewise returned to them, and that the said Clergymen be released from the payment thereof.

II. *Resolved*, That the said Trustees be authorized to collect all of the Principal and Interest due upon Notes belonging to said Fund, and to reinvest the same upon bond and mortgage securities; and that in collecting the same they be authorized to make such compromises as may be deemed advisable.

Your Committee report that they have examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and find the same correct and regular, and they approve of the investment made by the Trustees.

The Committee are happy to be able to state that by the exertions of the Trustees it has been made apparent that from Thirteen to Fifteen Thousand Dollars will be secured to this fund; and they hope that the knowledge of this fact will stimulate greater exertion to complete the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars, originally intended.

The Committee would say that the Treasurer and Trustees have been faithful in the discharge of their duty, and are entitled to the thanks of this Convention.

(Signed) JAMES BOND, Chairman *pro tem.*

On motion, the Report was received, concurred in, and the Resolutions adopted as they came from the Committee.

(Vide Appendix E.)

Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, from the Committee on Credentials, reported as entitled to seats from St. Thomas', Greenville, Messrs. H. A. HERBERT and S. M. WILSON.

Mr. WILSON appeared and took his seat.

Mr. SAYRE offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to demand and collect of each Parish, whose assessment has not been increased this year, ten per centum over and above that fixed in the Report of the Committee on Finance.

Mr. DAWSON offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw his certified draft upon the Treasurer for Seventy-five Dollars, to defray the expenses incidental to his office for the Convention years commencing May 12th, 1869, and ending May 10th, 1871.

Mr. JARVIS, from the Special Committee to examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, reported as follows, viz:

The Committee to whom was referred the accounts of JOSEPH W. FIELD, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, report that they have carefully considered the same and find them correct.

J. C. DAVIS,
M. R. JARVIS, } Committee.
R. C. JETER,

(Vide Appendix F.)

On motion of Mr. SAYRE, it was

Resolved, That the Resolutions adopted by this Convention in reference to the Hamner Hall Property, be amended by striking out the words, "Wardens and Vestry," wherever they occur in said Resolutions, and inserting in their place, "Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen."

The special order was then taken up, it being the selection of a place for holding the next Convention.

Mr. MATHEWS offered the following, viz:

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention be held in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

Mr. NELSON moved to amend by substituting for "the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville," St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

Rev. Mr. BANISTER moved to amend the amendment by substituting Trinity Church, Mobile, for "St. Paul's Church, Greensboro."

After some discussion, Mr. NELSON withdrew his amendment, whereupon Rev. Mr. BANISTER also withdrew his.

Rev. Mr. HANSON renewed the motion of Mr. NELSON.

Rev. Mr. PERDUE moved to amend the amendment offered by Rev. Mr. HANSON, by substituting St. James' Church, Eufaula, for "St. Paul's Church, Greensboro."

Rev. Mr. BANISTER attempted to renew his motion, but was ruled out of order.

The vote was then taken, *viva voce*, on Rev. Mr. PERDUE'S amendment.

The amendment was lost.

The vote on Rev. Mr. HANSON'S amendment was called for by Orders and Parishes.

The vote of the Orders resulted in the loss of amendment.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, the Convention then unanimously adopted the Resolution of Mr. MATHEWS, fixing the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, as the place for holding the next Convention.

Rev. Dr. FULTON, Chairman, then read the

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons beg respectfully to report that they have duly considered the matters referred to them, and, after mature deliberation, have resolved to submit the following recommendations to the consideration of the Convention:

I. That Section 2 of Canon I of Title I be amended so as to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of every Parish in the Diocese to send one Lay Communicant in good standing, whose expenses shall be paid by the Parish, as a Deputy to the Diocesan Convention; but every Parish may, at its discretion send a number, not exceeding four, of additional Deputies, who shall also be Communicants in good standing."

II. That Section 4 of the same Canon be numbered Section 3, and be further amended by the omission of all which follows the word "thereof."

III. That Section 5 be numbered Section 4.

IV. That Section 4 of Canon V of Title I be amended so as to read thus: "In every Parish the qualifications of voters shall be determined and regulated by the Parish itself; but in the formation of new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who shall not have signed the Articles of Parochial Association."

V. With reference to Section 3 of Canon VI of Title I, which it was proposed to repeal, the Committee are of opinion that the provision is wise and its repeal would be unadvisable.

VI. That in Section 3 of Canon III of Title II, all, from the beginning of the tenth line to the word "together" in the eleventh line, be stricken out and the following substituted: "1st, of all expenditures for Parochial purposes; 2d, of all Charities and Benefactions within the Parish, within the Diocese and elsewhere; and 3d, of all contributions, however raised, for any Church objects not included in the aforenamed items:" and that the words, "the number of baptized persons not communicants," be also stricken out.

VII. The Committee beg to submit the following Canon, to be inserted as Canon III of Title I:

OF THE REGISTRAR.

SECTION 1. A Registrar shall be elected by the Convention of the Diocese who shall be an officer of this Convention and whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable safe for the preservation and safe keeping of all Deeds or other Conveyances of all Church Property, the original Articles of Association of all Parishes, and any other documents of interest and value to the Church in this Diocese which may be deposited with him; and he shall also use reasonable diligence in collecting and preserving all such papers as may now be in existence or shall hereafter be executed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of all Rectors or Vestries of Parishes, Trustees of Church Property, and any one into whose hands Conveyances of Real Estate for Church purposes may come, to have the same duly recorded and certified, and then promptly deposit the same, or a certified copy thereof, with the Registrar, who shall examine such Instruments, and, finding them duly recorded and certified, shall enter the title thereof in a Catalogue to be formed of such papers, shall file them in due order and deposit them in his safe, subject to the order and control of the Convention. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to turn over to the Registrar all Articles of Association of Parishes which are admitted into union with the Convention.

SEC. 3. The Registrar shall collect and preserve at least one copy of the Journal of every Convention of the Diocese and of every General Convention, and the Charges and Pastoral Letters at any time issued by Bishops of this Diocese, and have the same suitably bound in convenient volumes.

SEC. 4. He shall also provide a suitable book, in which to record such Episcopal or Clerical acts as may be deemed proper by the Bishop, and shall report annually to the Convention.

SEC. 5. The Registrar shall continue in office until his successor be elected, to whom he shall transfer all papers and other property in his possession.

VIII. The Committee beg also to submit the following Canon, to be inserted as Canon IV of Title I:

OF THE DIOCESAN PRINTER.

The Convention shall elect a Diocesan Printer, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Convention. His duty shall be to print the Annual Reports of the Convention in a suitable form and of convenient size, and also to print, in like form and of like size, whatever Addresses, Circulars, Pastoral Letters or other documents the Bishop may from time to time see fit to issue to the Clergy or to the Laity of the Diocese; and he shall be entitled to draw upon the Treasurer for the customary and reasonable cost of such labor when performed (and approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.) *

IX. If these Canons should be adopted, it will be necessary to change the numbers of all subsequent Canons of Title I.

X. On the subject of "the concurrent action of the three Orders, Bishop, Clergy and Laity, in order to the validity of legislation in the Diocesan Convention," which was referred to them, the Committee beg to say that the subject is too weighty, and too far-reaching in its relations to other matters of Church order and official right, for them to make an adequate report to the Convention at its present session. They therefore ask leave to sit during the recess and report to the Convention at its next session. Should it be the pleasure of the Convention to grant the permission asked, the Committee would further desire that Major WALTHALL be added to their number.

* See Mr. DAWSON's Resolution adopted at the evening session of Saturday.

XI. The Committee suggest, in conclusion, that a Revised Edition of the Canons, including all amendments adopted since 1867, be prepared by a Special Committee of two and printed with the Convention Report of the present year, and that the Secretary be instructed to prepare a form of Parochial Report in conformity with Section 3 of Canon III of Title II, as proposed to be amended by your Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN FULTON, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received.

Item I was then considered, and the amendment of Section 2, Canon I, Title I, was adopted as it came from the Committee.

The amendment of Section 4, Canon I, Title I, was adopted as recommended in Item II.

The recommendation of Item III, as to renumbering Section 5, Canon I, Title I, was agreed to.

The amendment of Section 4, Canon V, Title I, was, on motion, adopted as recommended in Item IV.

The unfavorable Report in Item V, as to repeal of Section 3, Canon VI, Title I, was concurred in, and the Section left as it was.

The first recommendation of Item VI, relating to reports of Parochial Expenditures, was adopted. The second recommendation of the same Item was rejected.

Item VII, creating office of Registrar by a new Canon, to be designated Canon III of Title I, was, as a whole, concurred in.

Item VIII, creating office of Diocesan Printer by a Canon designated as Canon IV of Title I, was amended and concurred in.

Item IX, as to renumbering, agreed to.

The consideration of the right of the Bishop to vote as a separate Order, and requiring the concurrent consent of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity in order to the validity of any positive action of the Convention, was left with the Committee, with leave to sit during the recess, and report at the next Convention. (Item X.)

At the request of the Committee, W. T. WALTHALL, the mover of the Resolution on that subject, was added to the Committee.

Item XI of the Report was concurred in, and Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., and JAMES BOND, Esq., were appointed the Special Committee thereunder to Revise and Codify the Canons before insertion in the Printed Journals of this Convention.

Rev. Dr. BANISTER, from the Committee on the State of the Church, read the following, viz:

The "Committee on the State of the Church," having carefully examined the documents referred to them, respectfully present the following Report:

It is with sincere pleasure and thankfulness that they give as the result of their investigations, not only the fact of the steadily increasing strength of the Church in Alabama, but of a growth during the last twelve months, which far exceeds that of any other period in the history of the Diocese.

On reference to the Parochial Reports of 1868, they found that the number of Communicants reported in that year was Two Thousand and Twelve; and the number reported in 1869, to be Two Thousand One Hundred and Seven, showing an increase during the year of Ninety-five.

But the number of Communicants reported to this Convention is Two Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-six, giving an increase of Five Hundred and Nineteen, or nearly of Twenty-five per cent.

This fact, taken in connection with the striking indications of increasing strength and activity in the several departments of Parish work, so clearly apparent in nearly all of the Parochial Reports, should excite in the hearts of all, the cheering hope and belief that the Church in this Diocese has, of late, passed on and upward to an advanced and higher plane of life and duty; that she is now reaping the first fruits of that larger harvest of blessings with which *the Master* may yet crown her labors of *greater faith* and of *greater love*.

The Committee cannot believe that the encouraging facts just mentioned are to be ascribed to any accidental or transient cause, but truly to God's blessing upon *more earnest* and *faithful labors*, and on the more *judicious use* of the means and various instrumentalities which He has provided in His Church.

The conditions of successful culture are as necessary in the Spiritual as in any of the Material fields of human effort.

As the richest soil and the most perfect implements of husbandry cannot give an abundant harvest without the application of the skillful hands and practical knowledge of the laborers employed, no more can the fruits of the spiritual vineyard be expected to appear in due season, and in all their fullness and perfection, without the diligent employment of the various implements provided for their cultivation.

The Committee therefore regard with peculiar interest this remarkable improvement in the fruitfulness of the several fields of the Church in this Diocese.

This present yield is in itself of great value, but the attendant revelation of the causes to which it is to be ascribed is, if possible, more important still—for it indicates the real and more encouraging state of the Church in Alabama, showing both the means and the way by which far *greater results* are to be attained in *the future*.

It is God who worketh in us to will and to do, and, after Paul has planted and Apollos watered, the increase is given in proportion to the *united prayers* and *labors* of His servants.

J. M. BANISTER, Chairman.

The Report was received and concurred in.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of a Registrar. Messrs. M. E. MACARTNEY and THOMAS B. ROY were placed in nomination.

Mr. MACARTNEY was, on ballot, duly elected Registrar of the Diocese of Alabama.

The Convention then proceeded to elect as

TRUSTEES OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

A. G. MABRY, Sen., N. H. R. DAWSON, GEORGE O. BAKER.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was re-elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

Mr. HENRY FARROW, of Mobile, was elected Diocesan Printer.

Mr. WALTHALL moved to repeal Section 3 of Canon VI of Title I.

After discussion, the consideration of the Resolution was, on motion of Mr. WALTHALL, postponed until the next Convention.

Mr. BOND had read a letter from Mr. W. T. WALTHALL, Agent of the Carolina Life Insurance Company, of Memphis, Tenn., proffering to remit his commissions on all Policies taken with his Company by the Convention on the life of the Right Reverend Bishop of the Diocese, and upon the lives of all the Clergy resident in Southern and Central Alabama, provided their applications for insurance be made within thirty days from date.

On motion of Mr. BOND, it was

Resolved, That this Convention highly appreciates the liberality of the offer made by Mr. WALTHALL in regard to insurance upon the lives of the Clergy, and hereby recommend to the Clergy interested, and to the Vestries of the various Parishes, promptly to avail themselves of it whenever practicable.

Rev. Mr. BIRD offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the earnest thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the good people of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, for their hospitable and affectionate entertainment of the members of this Convention.

Mr. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, JR., of Mobile, was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, of Mobile, was re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered to Gen. R. W. HEALY, U. S. Marshal, for his courtesy in extending to this Convention the use of the U. S. District Court room.

On motion of Mr. LOWE, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the various Railroad and Steamboat Companies for courtesies extended to the members of this body.

Mr. MCNEILL offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention, and in payment therefor to draw his certified draft upon the Treasurer, who will pay the same out of any funds in his hands.

On motion of Mr. BOND, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Secretary, R. M. NELSON, for the faithful and efficient performance of the duties of his office.

The President announced as the Committee on the Formation of a Diocesan Building Fund, under the Resolution offered by Rev. Mr. BEARD on yesterday, the following gentlemen, viz.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. Mr. JOS. W. FIELD, Mr. C. A. BRADFORD.

The Convention then proceeded to the following elections, with results as hereinafter shown:

TRUSTEES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR ALABAMA.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Mr. C. T. POLLARD, Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON.

TREASURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH FOR ALABAMA.

Mr. A. R. BELL, of Montgomery.

BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. F. B. LEE.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rev. S. M. BIRD.

On motion of Rev. Dr. FULTON, the Convention then adjourned to meet this evening after Divine service in the Vestry Room of St. John's Church.

SATURDAY, May 14th, 1870—10 o'clock P. M.

The Convention, pursuant to adjournment, met in the Vestry Room of St. John's Church, after evening service, the Right Reverend President in the Chair.

The Minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

Mr. DAWSON called the attention of the Convention to the Canon, reported and adopted, creating the office of Diocesan Printer, and submitted the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Canon IV of Title I, "Of the Diocesan Printer," be amended by inserting after the word "performed" in the last line, the words "and approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.'

The Resolution was unanimously adopted.

After the Benediction by the Right Reverend Bishop, the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, adjourned *sine die*.

RICHARD HOOKER WILMER,
President.

Attest:

RICHARD M. NELSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Rules of Order.

I. After the introductory services, which shall be conducted under the direction of the Bishop, or, in his absence, of the Rector of the Parish in which the Convention is held, or of the Presiding Officer of the Convention, the order of proceedings shall be as follows:

1. The appointment of a temporary Chairman (in case there be no Bishop, or if the Bishop be absent) by the Clerical members present.

2. The Secretary of the last previous Convention, or, in his absence, a temporary Secretary appointed by the Chair, shall then call in alphabetical order the names of the Clergy entitled to seats. He shall next call the Churches entitled to representation, when the Deputies shall lay their certificates on the Secretary's table. These shall be referred to a Committee of three, who shall forthwith examine them and report to the Convention. A constitutional quorum having been found present, the Chairman shall declare the Convention duly organized, or ready for organization.

3. The election of a President from the Clerical members present (if there be no Bishop, or if he be absent).

4. The election of a Secretary, who may appoint an Assistant.

5. The consideration of the application of Churches or Parishes for admission into union with the Convention.

6. The appointment by the President, of Standing Committees, viz:

The Committee on the State of the Church.
The Committee on Canons.
The Committee on Finance.
The Committee on Unfinished Business.

7. The Annual Communication of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

8. The Annual Address of the Bishop.

9. The report of the Committees appointed at the last Convention, with instructions to report at this Convention.

10. The reading of Parochial Reports.

11. The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, by ballot.

12. The election of Deputies to the General Convention, by ballot.

13. Reports of Officers and Committees.

14. Miscellaneous Business.

II. After the President takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall stand up, unless to address the President.

III. When a member is about to speak in debate, or present any subject to the Convention, he shall with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the matter under consideration.

IV. No member shall absent himself from the sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave of the President, or be unable to attend.

V. No member shall speak more than twice upon the subject in debate, unless by general consent.

VI. A question once determined shall stand as the decision of the Convention, and shall not be again discussed, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided*, however, that any member of the Convention voting in the affirmative may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, or on the following day, move for a reconsideration of the said vote.

VII. No motion, or other proposition, shall be considered by the Convention, unless it is seconded.

VIII. All motions or resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the mover, if so desired by any member, and read by the Secretary, except motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or for the previous question.

IX. When any proposition is under consideration, no other proposition shall be entertained, (unless by general consent,) except motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, for the previous question, to divide, to commit, to postpone to a time specified, or to amend, which motions shall take precedence in the order here written.

X. Motions to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, and for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

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XII. The Rules of Order may at any time be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the Convention present, if such number be a quorum.

XIII. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be determined by the usually recognized rules of parliamentary practice—especially as laid down in Cushing's Manual.

APPENDIX B.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address

TO THE

DIOCESAN CONVENTION OF ALABAMA,

MAY 11th, 1870.

1869.—May 12th.—Attended the opening services of the Convention of the Diocese in St. Paul's Church, Selma; and, after a sermon by the Rev. J. F. SMITH, celebrated Holy Communion. The three succeeding days were spent in attendance upon the duties of the Convention.

May 15th.—Ordained to the Diaconate, PHILIP A. FITTS, of Tuskaloosa; candidate presented by the Rev. F. B. LEE; sermon by the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR. The newly ordained Deacon was assigned to duty in the then vacant Parish of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

May 16th.—(Whitsunday)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Selma; and, after a sermon by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, addressed the congregation, and confirmed 27 persons; celebrating also Holy Communion. At afternoon service, I met the children of the congregation and joined with them in their Whitsunday Festival. This was an occasion of more than ordinary interest, and I am sure that none of us who were present can soon forget the joyous services of that Holy Day. At night, I preached and confirmed 4 persons.

May 18th.—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro' and confirmed 11 persons. At evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, I addressed the congregation. At early morning service on the 19th inst. in the same Church, I addressed the congregation and confirmed 4 persons. At morning service, on the same day, I preached and confirmed 1 person; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

The Parish of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro' had been long vacant; but was at that time, and is still, under the pastoral care of the Rev. W. J. PERDUE.

May 20th.—Preached at St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville; baptized 2 children and confirmed 4 persons.

May 21st.—Preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

The Parish of St. Matthew's was vacant, and had been so for a long time, at the period of my visitation. The Rev. Mr. PERDUE from that time gave a Monthly Service there, and continued to do so through the Summer and Fall months.

May 23d.—(Trinity Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 5 persons; celebrating Holy Communion. In the evening, preached at same Church.

May 24th.—Preached again and confirmed 3 persons.

May 25th.—I failed to meet my appointment at County Line, Dallas Co.: because of sudden indisposition.

May 26th.—At special service, on my way home, confirmed 4 persons at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville. Returned home much prostrated by sickness.

June 11th.—Attended commencement exercises at the Church Home School and addressed the graduating class.

June 13th.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 18th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston.

June 19th.—Held Service in same Church; baptized 2 adults; preached; and confirmed 5 persons. I also celebrated Holy Communion, and baptized an infant. This Parish is vacant.

June 20th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in Gainesville, morning and evening, and confirmed 2 persons. This Missionary point had been for some time supplied by the occasional services of the Rev. S. U. SMITH; but is now again vacant.

June 22d.—Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

June 23d.—Preached again in the same Church.

June 24th.—(St. John Baptist)—Preached at St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

June 25th.—Preached again in same Church, and confirmed 4 persons.

June 26th.—At Trinity Church, Demopolis, after a sermon by the Rev. S. M. BIRD, addressed the congregation; in the evening preached at same place.

June 27th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached again at Demopolis; confirmed 13 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, addressed the children of the congregation, and at the request of the Rector, baptized 1 adult and 2 children. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BIRD, addressed the congregation and confirmed 4 persons.

June 28th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and confirmed 5 persons.

June 30th.—Held Service at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BIRD, admitted to the Diaconate JOHNSON C. DAVIS; and to the Order of Priesthood Rev. SAMUEL SMITH HARRIS. At evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. JNO. M. MITCHELL, I confirmed 34 persons.

July 1st.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. S. S. HARRIS.

July 4th.—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 11th.—(7th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 25th.—(9th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

During the Summer months I remained at home; preaching in the City and at Spring Hill, morning and evening. During that time I attended two funerals.

Oct. 3d.—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Visited, in company with the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, a Mission station on West Fowl River; confirming 9 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. This was an occasion of very peculiar interest. The people came from long distances and mostly, on foot; the mothers with infants in their arms. Seldom had they been visited by a clergyman of the Church. But the children had been gathered into a Sunday School, and a Layman of the Church had held regular services; and here were the accustomed fruits of faithful lay-services. We worshipped in a mere shell of an abandoned tenement at the time of my visitation; but since that time a Church has been erected upon the shores of the River, and is now awaiting consecration. The Mission station is under the charge of the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, who has in many ways aided the people in their pious endeavors to build a Church for the worship of GOD.

Oct. 10th.—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Oct. 17th.—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile and confirmed 21 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

Oct. 21st.—Married a couple in the vicinity of Spring Hill.

Oct. 24th.—(22d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

Oct. 31st.—(23d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Nov. 4th.—Preached at Briarfield, Shelby County, and confirmed 4 persons.

Nov. 6th.—Preached at Elyton, Jefferson County.

Nov. 7th.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached again in same place and confirmed 11 persons; celebrating Holy Communion.

Nov. 8th.—Preached again in the morning, and in the evening, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BIRD, addressed the congregation and confirmed 9 persons.

Nov. 10th.—Preached at Montevallo, Shelby County, morning and evening, and confirmed 3 persons.

Nov. 12th.—Preached at Talladega, morning and evening, and confirmed 3 persons.

Nov. 14th.—(25th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached morning and evening, at St. Luke's, Jacksonville; celebrating Holy Communion. At the morning service I confirmed 5 persons; and at the evening service, 4 persons.

Nov. 17th.—Preached at County Line, Dallas County, and confirmed 1 person.

Nov. 24th.—Married a couple in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Nov. 27th—Preached at Evergreen, Conecuh County, morning and evening, and confirmed 6 persons.

Nov. 28th.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, morning and evening, and at the latter service confirmed 7 persons.

Nov. 29th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Nov. 30th.—(St. Andrew's Day)—Preached at Hayneville, Lowndes County, and confirmed 10 persons.

Dec. 1st.—Preached again at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Dec. 2d.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro' and confirmed 8 persons; four of whom were from Hayneville.

Dec. 5th.—(2d. Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Tallassee, and confirmed 13 persons.

Dec. 6th.—Preached again at same Church, and confirmed 4 persons.

Dec. 7th.—Preached at "Cross Keys," and confirmed 2 persons.

Dec. 8th.—Preached at Opelika, and confirmed 1 person. It will be remembered that Emanuel Church of this place, which had been built by such earnest efforts on the part of the people, was destroyed by a hurricane. The good people put forth an appeal to their friends to aid them in rebuilding their Church; but the appeal was, for the most part, in vain. At present they are without a Church and without pastoral care. We look for a brighter day for the Church in Opelika, and trust that our more favored people will not be insensible to the appeal of our brethren there.

Dec. 10th.—Preached at Seal's Station, and ordained to the Diaconate DE-BERNIERE WADDELL; candidate presented by the REV. B. F. MOWER; Sermon by myself. I also baptized 2 infants.

Dec. 12th.—(3d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening, and confirmed 3 persons.

Dec. 13th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion. This Parish, which had been vacant for some time, is now supplied by the services of the Rev. J. C. DAVIS.

Dec. 19th.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Dec. 25th.—(Christmas Day)—Preached at St. Mary's, Summerville; celebrating Holy Communion.

Dec. 26th.—(Sunday after Christmas Day)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

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Jan. 9th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville.

Jan. 19th.—Confirmed 2 sick persons in private; candidates presented by the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS.

Jan. 25th.—(Conversion of St. Paul)—Participated in the services connected with the consecration of the Rev. Dr. PIERCE to the Missionary Bishoprick of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Every thing conspired to make this a memorable day in the history of the Church in Alabama.

On the evening of the same day, I attended a missionary service at St. John's Church, and participated in the exercises of the evening. The object of the meeting was to bid God-speed to the newly consecrated Bishop in the arduous work to which he had been called by the voice of the Church. A similar service was held at Trinity Church the next evening, and much interest was excited throughout the whole community. It would be difficult to estimate the amount of good effected by these interesting services.

Feb. 4th.—Attended service at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, and addressed the congregation.

Feb. 5th.—Preached morning and evening in same Church.

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Feb. 13th.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, morning and evening; celebrating Holy Communion; and confirming 4 persons.

Feb. 14th.—Preached at Madison Station on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, and confirmed 1 person.

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Feb. 17th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; celebrating Holy Communion, and confirming 1 person.

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March 2d.—(Ash Wednesday)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

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In the evening of the same (Easter Day) preached again and confirmed 3 persons. This confirmation—added to the other confirmations, held since my last report—gives 56 as the number of persons confirmed in this Church during the conventional year just closed. Every indication points to the necessity of a larger Church building at Selma; and there was a spirit manifested on the part of both vestry and congregation which satisfied me, that at no distant day we should see a Church erected here, commensurate with the growth of this thriving and important City.

April 19th.—(Tuesday in Easter week)—Attended the Children's Festival at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, and addressed the children. They brought forward their Easter Offerings, amounting to $250, and presented them to me for Diocesan Missions—a most generous offering when the number of children (55) is taken into consideration.

April 20th.—After a sermon by the Rev. S. M. Bird, I addressed the congregation at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro. At evening service, I preached and confirmed 5 persons.

April 21st.—Preached again, and at evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. Bird, addressed the congregation. At this place, also, I found vestry and people, without a dissenting voice, resolved to have a larger Church. The only question being whether to build anew, or to enlarge the present building.

April 23d.—Preached morning and evening at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

April 24th.—(1st Sunday after Easter)—Preached again in same Church, and, at the request of the vestry, instituted the Rev. George Henry Hunt as Rector of the same. This is the first instance in which I have been called upon to use "the office of Institution," and whilst engaged in the interesting and solemn services, I could but wonder if the looseness of the bond between Priest and people might not, in some measure, be ascribed to the almost utter disuse of this Holy Office. At evening service, I preached again and confirmed 8 persons.

April 26th.—I preached again at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro, on my way to Mobile.

May 1st.—(2d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 23 persons, making, with those confirmed in October last, 46, as the whole number confirmed in this Parish since my last report. I also, celebrated Holy Communion. In the evening of the same day, I preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 28 persons.

May 7th.—At evening service, in Trinity Church, Mobile, addressed the congregation and confirmed 12 persons. This number, added to the 28 previously confirmed and to the candidate confirmed next day at Christ Church, gives 41 as the number confirmed from Trinity Church, Mobile.

May 8th.—(3d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 31 persons; one of whom was from Trinity Church, as before mentioned. I also celebrated Holy Communion, In afternoon of same day, I preached at Church of the "Good Shepherd," and confirmed 1 person.

May 10th.—At St. John's, Montgomery, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, I confirmed 9 persons; making altogether as the number confirmed in this Church since my last report, 75.

The summary of my official acts since last Convention, is as follows, viz:

Deacons Ordained	3
Priests do.	2
Baptisms, viz:—Adults 8; Infants 8—Total	16
Marriages	3
Funerals	2
Confirmations	482
Candidates for Holy Orders received	4

(Two of them transferred from the Diocese of Virginia.)

I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of the Rev. H. N. PIERCE, D. D., to the Missionary Bishoprick of Arkansas and the Indian Territory. It may be remembered that I withheld my consent to the translation of the former Bishop of Arkansas to the Diocese of Easton. I did so, because, in my judgment, the transfer was not canonical. That transfer, having been declared canonical by the consent of a majority of the Bishops—such consent being potentially judicial, and rendering the jurisdiction embracing Arkansas and the Indian Territory, actually vacant—I did not think it proper or right to with-hold my consent to the consecration of the present Bishop to the vacant missionary jurisdiction. I was unwilling, on the one hand, to stultify the action of the Diocese of Arkansas and the subsequent proceedings connected with that action, in which I had taken my share. And it was out of the question, on the other hand, to allow so large and important a field of missionary effort to be without Episcopal jurisdiction.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have issued "Letters Dimissory" to the Rev. SAMUEL S. HARRIS, to the Diocese of Georgia; to the Rev. S. H. PHILLIPS, to the Diocese of Florida; and to the Rev. W. J. BOONE, (Deacon) to the Missionary Bishoprick of China.

I have received into the Diocese, the Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR. with "Letters Dimissory" from the Bishop of Indiana; and the Rev. GEORGE H. HUNT, with "Letters Dimissory" from the Diocese of Tennessee.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

I have received canonical notice of the deposition from the Ministry of the following named persons, viz: of deposition of MARSHALL B. SMITH, from the Bishop of New Jersey; of deposition of J. J. TALBOTT, from the Bishop of California; of deposition of H. W. WOODS, from the Bishop of Illinois; of deposition of CHARLES H. RICE, from the Bishop of Nebraska; of deposition of JOHN COSBY, from the Bishop of Virginia.

I cannot conclude the report of my labors during the Conventional year now closed, without calling the attention of the Convention to certain indications of growth and health which may well fill our hearts with gratitude, and nerve us to renewed efforts in the future.

For the first time in the history of our Southern Dioceses, the Church has been called upon to put forth serious efforts in behalf of the poor in our land. Until within the last few years, pauperism was scarcely known in our midst; and the most casual efforts sufficed to relieve the wants of the few who needed charity. But the times have greatly changed, and it has been of late a large part of the mission of the Church to provide for the poor and needy—particularly

THE ORPHANS OF OUR LAND.

It will be remembered that, in the year 1863, I brought this matter prominently before the Convention, and urged an immediate provision for the helpless children, who were thrown upon the nursing care of the Church. The Church responded freely to my call, and an Orphan's Home was started in Tuskaloosa. It was soon deemed expedient to remove the home for orphans to Mobile; and I have the great satisfaction of being able to report to this Convention, that we have now in Mobile a property secured to the Church (with suitable buildings erected thereon, at a cost of $12,500—all of which has been paid for;) and an institution nurturing some thirty orphan girls. When I look back upon all that has been done in this direction, under circumstances seemingly hopeless, I can but thank God, who has thus granted me my heart's long cherished desire—to build up a Church Home for Orphans in Alabama.

For this happy consummation of our efforts the Church owes thanks in many directions—to kind friends in other Dioceses; to many in the Diocese outside of the City of Mobile; and, especially, to the generous hearted people of Mobile, who never seem to weary in doing good to the poor. I should be sadly wanting in gratitude if, in this connection, I did not also make special mention of the present Missionary Bishop of Arkansas. He it was, who, by his influence and personal co-operation, contributed materially to a result of so much importance to the interests of humanity and the Church. Let us not forget him in his distant field of labor, but cheer him with our sympathies, and help him with our prayers and offerings.

The Convention will have noticed that the number (482) of

CONFIRMATIONS

reported for this year is much larger than that of any previous year. The largest number reported up to this time was 363. (Report to the Convention of 1868.) The record of Confirmations for this year is particularly gratifying in view of the fact, that all the persons confirmed—so far as I am advised—came forward to renew and ratify their Baptismal vows, with the expectation and declared intention of entering into full and immediate communion with the Church. This is as it should be. Confirmation—on the part of the confirmed—is the most solemn and formal ratification of the vows of Holy Baptism. One of those vows is the vow of obedience "to God's Holy Will and Command-

ments." Now, to enter upon a covenant so holy, with the intention to live in the neglect of that one commandment—"Do this in remembrance of me"—which is invested with sanctions of such peculiar tenderness, is most unseemly and incongruous; to say nothing of the incalculable loss that must follow from the neglect of so essential a means of grace in doing the will of GOD. How can any one properly resolve to live a holy life, whilst deliberately purposing to neglect the means which GOD has provided for the strengthening and refreshing of that life? I have dwelt much upon this matter in my private conferences with the Clergy, and am glad to say, that there is among them all, so far as I am advised, but one mind upon this subject. I trust that I shall never again be called upon to lay my hands upon the head of any person, who does not purpose at the earliest opportunity to participate in Holy Communion. The Clergy, who have had much experience in the ministry, will, I am sure, corroborate the declaration—that the members of their charge who are the most difficult to reach and advance in the Christian life are the non-communing confirmed. They have gone just far enough to satisfy a certain pleading of conscience, and not far enough to strengthen them for the spiritual conflict. And besides all this, the inevitable tendency of the course referred to, is to belittle and dishonor the ordinance of Holy Confirmation.

Another feature in the character of the classes confirmed during the past year, which deserves to be noticed, is the unusually large proportion from the various denominations of christian people. I do not refer to this fact in any spirit of self-complacency, but in thankfulness, and with the view of encouraging our efforts in behalf of christian unity. I think that much of the kindly and increasing regard that we see manifested towards the Church by the members of the denominational bodies, is due to the unity of sentiment and action that so eminently characterizes the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese. There are no party issues among us, and GOD grant that there may never be. The Church in Alabama, although small in numbers, and sadly deficient in the number of her Clergy, is weighty in influence, and presents an undivided front. This state of things, so auspicious of future growth and harmony, is due under GOD to the influence of the first Bishop of Alabama. Impersonating in heart and in manners the benignant spirit of the Church, he moved among the people of this newly settled State—a rare example of meekness, sagacity and overflowing charity. Clergymen like-minded were drawn to his jurisdiction by elective affinity; and the Laity first caught the spirit of the Church from his gentle teachings. It was a singular favor to the Church in this infant Diocese that she should have had for her first Bishop a man, who at first sight disarmed all prejudice, and, upon closer acquaintance, won all hearts. Let it be our part to emulate so illustrious an example—to preach CHRIST as he preached CHRIST; to enforce the claims of the Church as firmly and lovingly as he was wont to do; and by a similar consistency of life to commend to those around us the excellence of those principles which are so dear to ourselves and of such vast importance to the interests of our fellow men. If, in the good Providence of GOD, the Church on earth is ever to be one again in visible unity, it must be upon the basis of a Primitive Faith, Discipline and Worship. In our sober judgment, our branch of the Church presents the nearest existing approach to

that primitive basis. If this be so, we may reasonably look for an increasing flow to our communion from the dissolving ranks of perishing denominations. This would be the natural expectation, and the records of accessions to our ranks, as seen in the reports of our Bishops and Clergy, are in full proof, that our anticipations are founded upon well taken premises. The constant and steadily increasing flow to our communion of Christian people of every name —both ministers and laity—is one of the most notable phenomena of the age. A wonderful history is being wrought out in our times, which shows all too inadequately in the skeleton reports of the Bishops and Clergy to their several Dioceses.

Let us try to catch the moral of the drama, and address ourselves to the weighty work which in GOD's Providence devolves upon us. To be the living inheritors of an Apostolic Ministry and Sacraments—the keepers and witnesses of an unadulterated Faith—to be able to stand up and challenge all comers, and to be willing to abide the tests of Holy Scripture and unquestioned tradition; to be able to say that we are willing and anxious to meet the Christian world upon the primitive platform of faith and discipline—and this is our unchanging attitude—to be able to do all this, I say, implies an amount of holy privilege and responsibility which may well make us serious and earnest men. We do verily, before GOD, believe all that we claim; we are, without any doubt on our part, the possessors of these treasures, and are persuaded that we hold them in trust for a needy world. GOD grant us such a spirit of love and power, and soberness, as that these precious deposits may not be wasted in our hands, but that we may dispense them as good stewards of the manifold grace of GOD.

I would also refer to the deep and unusual interest manifested on the part of

THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

I have already spoken of certain Festivals of the Church children in which I have been privileged to participate. The papers are full of accounts of similar Festivals in many of our Churches; and, also, of the wonderful offerings of the Children at Easter. Who can behold these spectacles, who can think of them, without emotion? And what may we not reasonably expect in the next generation, from these multitudes of our little ones, trained to love the Church as their mother, and to rejoice in all her holy Festivals? For my part, I must say that when I worship with these dear little ones at Christmas, and Easter, and Whitsunday, and hear their sweet voices, and see their bright faces, and receive their glad offerings—the fruits of their self-denial—I bless GOD for the dear children; for their membership in CHRIST JESUS; their childhood in GOD; their heirship in the Kingdom of Heaven. And, more than all this, I look forward, with comfort and hope, to the day when these little ones thus trained, shall be the men and women of the Church. Does it not strike you all that these children are more delighted to *give* than they were once to *receive*. The first festivals were around the Christmas Tree, and children gathered with carols to pluck the offerings to themselves which hung among the branches. But now they come to lay their offerings at their Saviour's feet, and their voices strike deeper notes of praise, for they are filled with a deeper

blessedness—the blessedness of *giving!* Our men will have to "be converted and become as little children" to understand the strange joy of children—in making offerings of what has cost them self denial. Take up one of the old journals of this, or of any of our Dioceses, and read how sorely puzzled were those conventions of rich old men in devising means to raise annually a few hundred dollars for the Church. And to-day, see their grandchildren giving, and gladly giving, their thousands—pretty much all that they have. Then picture to yourselves what the "worship of the offertory" will be when these children shall sit in our seats and we shall sleep with our fathers. When the Priest shall read: "Let your light shine!" those stirring words will no longer be the signal for clouds to pass over the faces of a congregation, which thinks that some one is "begging" something from them; but they will be hailed as the notice that another part of Holy Worship is now about to begin, and they will rise and make their offerings, as they are learning to do now, with great gladness; saying in word and heart, "All things come of Thee, O LORD, and of Thine own do we give Thee!"

May we not hope, also, that other fruit than offerings in money will spring forth from this gush of life in the hearts of the young? Will it be of no avail, think ye, that our boys rejoice to march under the banner of the cross—the holy symbol and sign of their allegiance—as "Defenders of the Faith," "Children of the covenant," and "Bishop's boys?" Be assured this movement will not end in processions and processionals. No! the Church is to our little ones no longer a dreary abstraction, but a thing of life and joy—the spouse of CHRIST—their mother—and they rejoice in her glorious beauty. Taught like Samuel, to wait upon the Sanctuary, they will hear the voice of GOD whose "way is in the sanctuary," and at that word will go up higher, even to minister at the altar. Many of them, even now, find a hitherto unknown joy in the sanctuary, and may be trained to say, "This shall be my rest forever; here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein."

There may be some, who look suspiciously and askant upon these festivals of children; but I can say thus far, "thank GOD for the children's festivals!" If the tree runs too much to leaf, we shall have to prune it, that it may bring forth less leaf, and more fruit; but as yet the fruit shows beautifully among the foliage; and there are buds, not yet opened, which are very full of promise. The wise husbandman will not only prune the vine, but will *dig* and *water* it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

We may all learn something from the simple faith and worship of children, and we wonder not, when the older Disciples were contending about questions of pre-eminence, that our LORD should have taken a little child and set him in their midst for an example unto them. Thank GOD for the little children of the Church!

I must not omit, in this connection, to speak of another manifestation of interest—which I have observed in all parts of the Diocese—in the building, enlargement and beautifying of

OUR CHURCH EDIFICES.

Those of us who are privileged to meet at this Convention need not for me to speak of the enlargement and improvement of St. John's Church, Montgomery. It has happened auspiciously that we are met here to rejoice with the Rector of St. John's and his Congregation in seeing their Church so greatly enlarged and beautified. But a few years ago, and the old Parish Church was thought ludicrously large for the little handful of people that gathered within its walls for worship. And there are those now living in this city who can recall with what pleasure the two or three communicants congratulated each other, if some forty persons could be brought together for worship. Now—the walls of that old Church scarce suffice to build the Chancel of the present structure; and the three communicants have multiplied a hundred fold—a hundred to one! There are those now living who have given largely of their time and substance to the beginning and completion of the present work. I doubt if there is any work of their hands which they contemplate with such unmingled satisfaction. They have blessed themselves and their children, and their children's children; and long after they shall have departed this life, will their works follow to gladden and bless them. Oh! brethren! I wonder that men do not oftener catch the inspiration of a holy ambition to give themselves to the Holy Ministry, and their means to building up the habitation of the Most High God.

But it is not in this city only, but at many other points, that we are glad to mark the indications of interest in the enlargement and improvement of Church buildings. I have already spoken of the Church at Selma, Opelika and Greensboro'. At Demopolis, the new Church is almost ready for Consecration. At Elyton the people are stirring to build for themselves a Church; so also at Talladega, at Athens, at Hayneville, at Seal's Station, at Fowl River, and at Montevallo. In short, in nearly every Parish in the Diocese there is some movement on foot, looking to the repair, enlargement or adornment of the Church building. All these are healthful indications. It is true that the attention to outward things may exist, where there is no corresponding interest in things spiritual. For my part I have not had occasion to notice it. On the other hand, I have had frequent occasion to notice the contrary. When I make visitations, and notice the external signs of dilapidation and neglect, I have usually found that the spiritual condition of the people was truly indicated by the neglect of externals; and, equally, when I have seen the signs of order and regard for external decencies and proprieties, I have witnessed also the marked indications of christian life and activity. The forms of life may, we well know, survive the extinction of the spirit of life; but the spirit cannot long, if at all, survive the absence of its appropriate forms. The natural may exist, and the spiritual never be superinduced; but the spiritual necessitates first the natural. "That is not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; afterward that which is spiritual"—a truth of great reach of application. No people have a right to look for the blessing of God if they fail to make fitting provision for the decent and orderly celebration of Divine Worship. And, on the other hand, a reverential regard for whatsoever things are meet and be-

coming, will seldom, if ever, be seen without indications of the Divine blessing. We conceive imperfectly of the Supreme Being if we do not learn something of His Nature from that image of Him which we discern to be in ourselves. The Almighty Himself appeals to it when He asks, "If I be a master, where is my fear; if I be a father, where is my honor?"

Intimately connected with this train of thoughts there comes up a point of much interest, viz:

THE DUE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.

For the same reason that man should build an altar for the worship of God, he should see that ample provision be made for the maintenance of him who ministers at the altar.

It is often, and sometimes invidiously, remarked that only poor men enter the ministry. The remark is true as a general and almost universal rule. But the remark must be greatly extended, for only poor men enter upon the practice of any profession which demands study and pains-taking diligence. The pressure of necessity alone can carry men successfully through the preliminary drudgery of any of our learned professions. Every man must live *of his calling*. This arrangement is founded in reason and necessity. It pertains not to the ministry alone, but to every calling. We have no security that men will faithfully and effectively perform the functions of any office or calling unless they live upon the proceeds of their labor. The lawyer lives of the practice of the law; the physician lives of the practice of medicine; and it is meet and right and necessary that it should be so.

Hence, also, under the operation of the same general law, the Priest under the ancient dispensation was to live of the sacrifice, and to be a partaker with the altars. The continuance of the altar, under the established economy of nature, was bound up with the continuance of the Priesthood. They stood or fell together, for they were partakers—the one of the other. And this is true at all times of every calling and office and function among men.

Hence, also, under the Gospel—for the change of dispensation did not dissolve the framework of society, nor abolish the laws of nature—it was ordained, that they who preached the Gospel should live "*of the Gospel.*" And if he who preaches the Gospel be a right-minded man, and knows how to value his calling, he will feel honored thus to live; for the highest function that man is permitted to perform is assigned to him, and he is pleased to live as every other man lives—of his calling!

He, therefore,—let our Laity ponder this well—who in a spirit of reverence and faith makes suitable provision for the maintenance of Divine Worship, performs an act of high and holy worship. For God is present to man through His Ministry and the ordinances of His House, and he accepts and acknowledges, as done unto Himself, whatsoever is done unto those, who represent Him upon earth. If, however, through disesteem of the functions of the Sacred Ministry, the Laity withold their meed of service, they are found unfaithful to God, and do an act of dishonor to the Supreme Majesty;—in the person of the Embassador they offend the Sovereign. Hence the charge brought against His ancient people. "Ye have robbed *me!* Even this whole nation." "Bring

ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD OF HOSTS, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Hence the injunction of the Holy Apostle, under the christian dispensation, which bears so immediately upon the duty in question. "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; GOD is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting"—words of fearful import to those who are rich towards themselves and poor towards GOD; who spend their substance without stint upon their lusts, and with a grudging hand sow to the spirit.

If when the Clergy make their appeal to GOD's people, to "sow plenteously" to the spirit, they are deemed or called "beggars"—then, indeed, is GOD deemed and called "a beggar" by the creatures who live upon his daily bounty.

The majesty of human government and of the administration of law is not lessened, but rather asserted and maintained, because its ministers are sustained by assessments upon the governed; and if, because there is no assessment laid upon the people under the gospel, and the people are enjoined to give "according to their ability," "not grudgingly" or of necessity, it is not because the claims of GOD are relinquished or set aside under the Gospel, but because men are put upon a higher probation, are laden with greater privileges, and are governed by higher sanctions. At every step, however, they are met with the weighty admonition, "Be not deceived, GOD is not mocked." "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

But to descend from generals to particulars—The condition of the Clergy in reference not only to their present subsistence, but also to some future provision for their families, may well awaken the liveliest concern in the minds of our thoughtful Laymen. I am constantly appealed to by the Laity to furnish them with clerical ministrations, and the amount proposed for the support of those ministrations is less than would be proposed for the most ordinary secular services. Even under the most liberal provisions among us, it must be evident to men of business that our Clergy do well if they succeed in meeting their daily expenses upon the most economical scale of living. I know no class of men who show more of financiering ability than the clergy—no men who live more honestly and comfortably upon the same income.

But the question which I would most seriously put to our lay brethren has reference more particularly to some fuller provision for the families of the Clergy. Can anything be done in this direction? I am satisfied that much could be done by the exercise of a little forethought, and at comparatively small cost. Under the present perfected system of Life Insurance—a system which realizes all the benefits of communism without any of its evils—it is ea-

sily practicable for many of our congregations to make provision for the families of the Clergy. Such a provision—continuing whilst the pastoral relation continues—would tend greatly to strengthen and render more permanent the pastoral tie, and would relieve many anxious hearts of a load of care. Every wise and beneficent government makes provision, by pension or otherwise, for the families of its faithful servants. Shall the Church, which is the manifestation upon earth of the Divine beneficence, be alone lacking in generous forethought for her faithful ministers!

In this connection I would gratefully acknowledge the action of the last Convention in my own behalf.

Let me, in conclusion, refer to one matter of immediate concern--a matter which cannot be longer postponed without reflecting seriously upon the Diocese of Alabama—I mean the duty of providing at once for a monument for the late

BISHOP COBBS.

The fact that more than nine years have elapsed since the death of this beloved Bishop, and that no monument has been erected to his memory is—apart from any knowledge of the circumstances of the case—so discreditable that I deem it proper briefly to furnish the requisite explanation.

It will be remembered that the death of the good Bishop took place at a time, when the minds of men were unhinged by the startling events of the year 1861. The meek and gentle spirit of that meekest and gentlest of men took flight from earth as the booming of cannon announced the commencement of that fearful war, which desolated so many hearts and laid in ruins so many homesteads. Wings like a dove were given him to flee away and be at rest. At the session of the next ensuing Annual Convention measures were adopted for building a "*Free Church*" to the memory of the good Bishop—a fitting memorial of the man and of the office. His bereaved Clergy and Laity were unwilling to erect any less substantial testimony of their love and reverence. But the times were unpropitious, and nothing definite was accomplished. Again, in the year 1863, I brought forward the subject in my Annual Address to the Convention, and a committee was appointed to collect money for the erection of a Memorial Church in the city of Montgomery. In some few parishes collections were made, but the minds of men were unsettled, and in no mood for undertakings which looked to the future. The gloomy and disastrous present more than absorbed all thoughts. All this was perfectly natural and in entire consistency with the deepest affection on the part of the people for their beloved Bishop.

The times have now changed, and what was once excusable will hardly longer be pardonable. That we have a Church in Alabama, is due, under God, pretty much to the labors of that good Bishop of whom I am now speaking. But I need not press this point. It is not necessary for me to present any motives to men whose hearts kindle at the mention of that revered name. I feel that it is only necessary to bring the subject to the attention of this body.

It rejoices us all to learn that measures have been taken to erect in the Church of St. John's, in this city, a mural tablet in memory of the Bishop. It is

meet and right that the walls of the Church should be inscribed with the name of him, who so largely aided in building its foundations. Should the future growth of the Church in this city at all correspond with its growth in the past, there will soon be a demand for a new Church, which will doubtless be the "*Memorial Church*"—the fittest memorial of a Bishop.

But we must all feel that there should be the *monument over the grave*—something that shall in its simplicity and massiveness show forth the simple grandeur of a character, rarely, alas! seen among men. As yet, I understand, no monumental stone marks the spot where his cherished dust reposes. I am sure that I only give utterance to the sentiment of the Church in Alabama when I say that—to say nothing of what we owe to him—we owe it to ourselves not to omit any testimony of affection and reverence by which men are wont to express their love and sorrow for the sainted dead.

I will detain you no longer from your deliberations. We have good cause, brethren beloved, to thank God for many tokens of his blessing, and to enter upon the labors of another year with abounding faith and hope.

You have called me, my brethren, to a blessed office. As time rolls on, and old ties are strengthening and new ties are forming, I feel more and more, that it is a blessed privilege to minister to you as a Bishop in the Church of God. It is made more so, by the loving kindness of the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese. How can I thank them for their kind words and their kinder deeds. God bless you all. May He, of His infinite goodness, enable us to abound more and more in works of love; forasmuch as we know that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord. Amen.

Faithfully Your Bishop,

RICHARD H. WILMER.

Diocese of Alabama, May 11th, 1870.

APPENDIX C.

Parochial Reports.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 2, ... Total, 3
Marriages—White, ... 2
Funerals—White, ... 1
Communicants—White, at last report, 81, died 1, removed 8, ... present No. 22
Communions administered, ... 4
Communion offerings, ... $28 90

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ATHENS MISSION.—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Missionary.

Baptisms—Infants, ... 1
Communicants—White, at last report, 10, added 1, removed 4, .. present No. 7
Communions administered, ... 2
Communion offerings, ... $8 15

Owing to want of suitable room for service have been compelled to omit many services. Have purchased a suitable lot for building, obtained near seven hundred dollars on subscription to build a Church, and have plans and specifications in the hands of carpenter, in the hope of having work commenced at an early day.

CANEBRAKE MISSION.

Faunsdale, May 10th, 1870.

Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father: Elsewhere you have a portion of my year's work reported in due Parochial form.

I have also met regular monthly appointments in Dayton. The services—in a hall kindly lent us by the Masonic Fraternity—have been uniformly well attended. No organization exists here, and the few communicants are registered in the nearest Parish. I have offered them the Holy Communion only once.

Other Missionary work, which I have been able to discharge among white congregations and in private, have been: 8 Holy Communions; 2 Baptisms, (1 adult on his death bed); and 3 Marriages; besides Services, Lectures and Sermons.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION—

Has also received regular monthly services on Sundays, and occasionally on week days, marked by the Church or Nation.

Results in this field have not cheered my heart with the hope of elevating this people in pure or christian morality.

The Church's Rites and Sacraments, in connection with Faunsdale Chapel and the colored race, have been administered as follows:

Holy Communions,	1
Baptisms—Infants,	19
Funerals,	2
Marriages,	4

Your Ob't Serv't and Son in Ministry,

W. A. STICKNEY,

Missionary in the Canebrake.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., Rector.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 9, infants 18,	Total, 27
Confirmation—White,	30
Marriages—White,	5
Funerals—White,	5
Communicants—White, at last Convention, 268, added 56, died 3, removed 1,	Present No. 320
Sunday School—White, Teachers 30, Scholars 149,	Total, 179
Library Books,	500
Communions administered,	24

Communion Alms,	$565 36
Diocesan Missions,	480 27
Church Home,	260 21
Bishop of Arkansas,	261 43
Bishop's Robes and Missionary Communion Plate,	300 00
Bishop's House,	640 00
University of the South, (subscription), about	750 00
" " " " (offertory),	50 00
Sheltering Arms—Estimated,	200 00
City Mission,	60 00
Increase of the Ministry,	80 85
Sunday School,	495 00
Other Benefactions known to the Rector,	600 00
	$4,743 12

The general offertory of the Church, part of which only is reported above and which amounts to ..... $2,542 68.

Total contributions and expenditures for Church purposes for the year (about) $15,000 00

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rector.

May 1st, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 5, infants 3,	Total, 8
Confirmations—White,	8
Marriages—White 6, colored 1,	Total, 7
Funerals—White,	5

Communicants—White, at last report 79, added 4, died 1, present No. 82; Colored, at last report 1, present No. 1,.. } Total, 83
Sunday School—White, Teachers 11, Scholars 57,.....Total, 68
Library Books for S. S., 416 Volumes.—A Parish Library is being organized.
Communions administered by the present Rector,..... 7
Communion Offerings,.....$ 93 85
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 200 00
Domestic Missions,..... 24 47
For Church purposes generally,..... 421 28

Total Communion offerings and collections,..... $739 60

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties, since last Christmas.

The present Rector began his ministrations in this Parish on Christmas day 1869, but was not formally instituted by the Bishop until April 24th, being the 1st Sunday after Easter, 1870.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Baptisms—Infants,..... 2
Confirmed,..... 1
Marriage,..... 1
Burial,..... 1
Communions administered,..... 3
Communion Alms,.....$ 6 15
Diocesan Missions,..... 18 75

I officiated at this place twice a month last year, up to December 8th. Further particulars respecting this Parish, will, I suppose, be furnished by the Clerk of the Vestry or by the Senior Warden.

Tallassee, May 9th, 1870. B. F. MOWER.

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND, DALLAS COUNTY.

Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May 9th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, Infants,..... 2
Confirmations—White,..... 1
Marriages—White,..... 1
Funerals—White,..... 1
Communicants—White, at last report 21, added 1,..... Present No. 22
Baptized persons not Communicants—Infants 20, adults 8, Total 28. This embraces those who are properly of the Church; there are many in the congregation of whom I know nothing.
Sunday School—White, Teachers, 4, Scholars 15,.....Total, 19
Library Books—None.
Communions administered,.....11
Communion Offerings, not distinct from other.
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....$85 23
For Church purposes generally,..... 50 00

Total,.....$135 23

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months, excepting incidental absences.

I am gratified by the regularity of the attendance upon my services in this Parish, especially on the part of the males, and hope that the future will show the fruits of this as well as of the reverent deportment of the members when present.

GUNTERSVILLE MISSION, MARSHALL COUNTY.

Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Missionary.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 5, infants 10,.....Total, 15
Confirmations—White,..... 7
Communicants—White,.....Present No. 8
Baptized persons not Communicants,..... 5
Communions administered,..... 2
Communion Offerings,.....$18 25

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

Commenced services at this point in August—have met with much encouragement and give them monthly service. A gentleman has deeded a good lot for building a Church and we hope soon to get enough money to commence building.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D. and Rev. T. L. Banister, Ministers.

May 11th, 1870.

The official acts for this colored congregation, beyond the regular services every Sunday afternoon, have been very few. One person was confirmed last Sunday. The Sunday School is flourishing and we have good hopes that a brighter day is about to dawn upon the congregation.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults,..... 3
Confirmations—White,..... 8
Marriages—White,..... 3
Funerals—White,..... 1
Communicants—White, at last report 25, added 8, died 1,.....Present No. 32
Sunday School—White, Teachers 4, Scholars 20,.....Total, 24
Communions administered,..... 4
Communion Offerings,.....$ 46 25
Collections—For Church purposes generally,..... 300 00

Total,.....$346 25

EDWIN SHIELD, Senior Warden.

HAYNEVILLE MISSION.—Rev. W. J. Perdue, Missionary.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 6, infants 4,.....Total, 10
Confirmations—White,.....16
Funerals—White,..... 3
Communicants—Died 2,.....Present No. 20
Communions administered,..... 2
Communion Offerings,.....$ 7 50
Collections—Diocesan Missions,.....34 00

Total,.....$41 50

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. R. D. Nevius, D. D., Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 16, infants 61, Total, 77	Total Baptisms,	78
Colored, infants	1	
Confirmations—White,		55
Marriages—White 22, colored 1,	Total,	23
Funerals—White 49, colored 1,	"	50
Communicants—White, at last report 207, added 80, died 8, removed 17,	Present No.	323
Baptized persons not Communicants,		not known.
Sunday School—White, Teachers 32, Scholars about 400,	Total,	432
Communions administered, (seven times in private)		66

Communion Offerings,	$ 165 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	44 60
Domestic Missions, ($223 for Arkansas,)	235 25
Foreign Missions,	37 50
Episcopal Robes and Pastoral Staff for Arkansas,	196 35
For Church purposes generally,	1,127 35
Total,	$1,806 05

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

Of the above, 12 baptized and 9 confirmed, were in St. Mary's Mission, Fowl River, where a Church has been built within the year. By a fault in my report last year, 14 persons confirmed at the Fall confirmation in 1868, under the Rectorship of the present Bishop of Arkansas, were not reported.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. Stringfellow, Jr., Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 16, infants 34,	Total,	50
Confirmations—White,		75
Marriages—White,		10
Funerals—White,		12
Communicants—White, at last report, 240, added 100, died 6, removed 6, present No.	328	Total, 332
Colored at last report, 4, present No.	4	
Sunday School—White, Teachers 36, Scholars 286	Total,	322
Communions administered,		16

Communion Offerings,	$ 242 00
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	365 75
Increase of Ministry,	125 00
Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home,	1,288 21
Easter Offerings,	2,261 35
Weekly Offertory,	484 55
For Parochial Schools,	1,575 61
For other Church purposes,	4,250 00
Total,	$10,582 47

The present Rector entered upon the discharge of his duties, July 1st, 1869. By the advice of the Bishop he was absent during July and August. Of the amount reported above as the Easter Offerings, One Thousand Seven Hundred

and Twenty-nine Dollars were raised by the work and self denial of the Sunday School during Lent. Of the candidates for confirmation, thirty-five were presented by the Rev. SAMUEL S. HARRIS, then in charge of the Parish. The Parochial Schools, taught by Mr. JAMES W. KEEBLE, a candidate for Holy Orders, is still supported by the St. John's Parochial Association, and has on its roll about seventy-five Scholars. The Parish Church has been enlarged by the addition of thirty-six pews, nearly all of which have been rented and the day cannot be far distant when another Church will be a necessity.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

May 5th, 1870.

Baptisms,.....28
Confirmations—White,.....20
Marriages—White,.....1
Communicants—White, present number,.....40
Sunday School—White, Teachers 4, Scholars 25,.....Total, 29
Communions administered,.....1
Communion Offerings,.....$11 28

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, four months.

The baptisms and confirmations in the above report were administered before the present incumbent commenced his labors. The Communion and Marriage, since. Services here once a month. Of the number of Communicants reported above, a considerable number are scattered over a considerable area of country. The prospects of the Church here have been already indicated in the address of the Bishop.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Missionary.

May 11th, 1870.

Confirmations—Colored,.....1
Marriages—White,.....2
Communicants—White, at last report 30, removed 2, present No. 28 } Total, 29
Colored, added 1, present number..... 1 }
Baptized persons not Communicants,.....8
Communions administered,.....8
Communion Offerings,.....$26 90

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. JOHNSON C. DAVIS, Rector.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, infants,.....12
Confirmations—White,.....8
Marriages—White,.....1
Funerals—White,.....1
Communicants—White, at last report 50, added 16, died 1, } Present No....63
removed 2,.....}
Sunday School—White, Teachers 8, Scholars 30,.....Total, 38
Communions administered, (by Bishop 1, Rector 2,).....3

Communion Offerings,	$ 57 05
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	62 10
Bishop's Fund,	150 00
For Church purposes generally,	938 00
Total,	$1,207 15

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months.

On account of the defectiveness of the Register, I am not prepared in this Report to give the number of "Baptised persons, not Communicants;" but hope to do so at the next session.

I took charge of St. James' Church in Nov. 1869; and the above Report includes the six months last past. The Rector has already contracted for the enlarging of the Church building, and otherwise improving it. Measures are being taken to organize a Parochial School, with indications of great success.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, CAHABA.

Rev. J. Cooper Waddill, Minister officiating.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adult, ... 1
Confirmations—Colored, ... 1
Marriages—White, ... 2
Communicants—White, at last report, 25, removed 8, present No. 17 } Total, 18
Colored, at last report 1, added 1, removed 1, present number ..... 1 }
Baptized persons not Communicants, ... 9
Sunday School—White, Teachers 4, Scholars 17, ... Total, 21
Communions administered, (two in private,) 5

Collections made at each service, and appropriated to defraying the expenses of the Missionary. Services held regularly during the last two months. Have also officiated, at St. Peter's, Lowndes County, St. David's, Dallas County, and Holy Cross, Uniontown.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 5th, 1870.

Baptisms—White adult 1, infants 2, ... Total, 3
Confirmations—White, ... 9
Communicants—White, at last report 19, added 9, present No. 28
Sunday School—White, Teachers 3, Scholars 25, ... Total, 28
Communions administered, ... 5
Communion Offerings, ... $54 65

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, four months and a half.

The above report includes all the official acts performed in the Parish since last report. The confirmations and two of the baptisms took place before the present incumbent entered upon his labors. The prospect here is encouraging.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TALLASSEE.—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.

May 9th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 4, children 11,.....Total, 15
Confirmations—White,.....17
Marriages—White,..... 3
Funerals—White,..... 3
Communicants,.....Present No. 29
Sunday School—White, Teachers 10, Scholars, 75,.....Total, 85
Communions administered,..... 8
Communion Offerings,.....$ 94 55
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 45 80
Foreign Missions,..... 1 75
For Church purposes generally,..... 174 55

Total offerings and collections,.....$316 15

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

At CROSS KEYS, I officiated on the 5th Sundays of last year. At this point there are Communicants, 12; Funerals 1; Baptisms infants, 2; Confirmations 2. Offerings for Diocesan Missions, $10 60.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 2,.....Total, 4
Confirmations—White,.....4
Marriages—White 6, colored 2,.....Total, 8
Funerals—White,.....1
Communicants—White at last report, 16, added 7, removed 7, present No...16
Baptized persons not Communicants,.....18
Communions administered,..... 8
Communion Offerings,.....$57 25
Collections—Diocesan Missions, $72 00, of which $17 80 paid to Rev. Mr. HANSON, Pres't of the Alabama Central Convocation for Missions within its bounds..... 72 00
For Church purposes generally, University of South,.... 7 00

Total,.....$136 25

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months—2d and 4th Sundays.

I officiated at Boligee a part of this year, once a month, Sunday evenings and 5th Sundays, also at Livingston three times, and administered Holy Communion once.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White infants,..... 2
Confirmations—(Visitation deferred until after Convention.)
Marriages—White, ... 2
Funerals—White,..... 1
Communicants—(Including those at Dayton,) White, at last report 40, present No.....40
Communions administered,..... 5

Communion Offerings, (included in Diocesan Missions.)
Collections—Diocesan Missions, $160, (Dayton $2 80,).....$162 80
For Church purposes generally,..... 140 00

Total, ...$302 80

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, six months.

The meagerness of this report is due to the suspension of services for half the year. Full charge of the Parish is now resumed, and the Rector has been further able to present at the Church of HOLY CROSS, Uniontown, 3 candidates for baptism and 8 for confirmation.

REPORT OF REV. J. H. TICKNOR.

Rt. Rev. and Dear Sir:—Since the 1st of October, I have resided in Mobile with a view to the interests of the "Church Calendar."

I have rendered regular services on Sundays to the congregations at St. Paul's Church, Springhill and St. Mary's, Summerville, together with week day services during the Lenten season.

Faithfullly,
Your Servant in Christ,
J. H. TICKNOR.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of Alabama.

MADISON STATION MISSION, MADISON COUNTY.

Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Missionary.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, infants,..... 3
Confirmations—White,..... 1
Funerals—White,..... 3
Communicants—White at last report, 14, added 2, died 1, removed 4, ... } Present No....11
Baptized persons not communicants,..... 9
Communions administered,..... 5
Communion Offerings,.....$9 35

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 3, infants 18—Total, 21
Colored, infants,..... ... 1 } Total Baptisms, ...22
Confirmations—White,.....26
Marriages—White 5, colored 1,.....Total, 6
Funerals—White,..... 9
Communicants—White, at last report 127, added 34, died 2, removed 4,
Present number.....153
Baptized persons not communicants—cannot learn how many.
Sunday School—White, Teachers 20, Scholars 200 .....Total, 220
Communions administered..... 15

Communion Offerings	$351 73
Collections—Diocesan Missions	136 85
For Parochial Schools	249 28
For Church purposes generally	906 50
Total	$1,292 63

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, eleven months.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, DECATUR—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Missionary.

May 11, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 3, infants 4,.....Total, 7
Confirmations—White..... 4
Marriages—White,..... 2
Funerals—White,..... 2
Communicants—White, at last report 8, added 7, removed 1,...Present No. 12
Baptized persons not communicants..... 5
Sunday School—White, Teachers 2, Scholars 30.....Total 32
Communions administered,..... 8
Communion Offerings,..... $19 95

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

The Rev. Mr. Waddill preached once during last summer.
Communicants,..... 9
Baptized persons non-communicants,.....14
No collections have been made for any purpose.
We are now trying to raise means to obtain the services of a clergyman.

R. P. McCORD.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 15—Total, 16 } Total Baptisms,.....20
Colored, adults 1, infants 3—Total, 4 }
Confirmations—White 5
Marriages—White 4, colored 3,.....Total, 7
Funerals—White,..... 8
Communicants—White, at last report 101, added 15, removed 8, present No. 108
Sunday School—White, Teachers 9, Scholars 60.....Total, 69
Communions administered.....16

Communion Offerings,	$164 20
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	142 25
Domestic Missions	10 00
Foreign Missions,	10 00
For University of the South	14 50
For Church purposes generally—Opelika	42 45
Sunday School Offerings—Diocesan Missions	249 45
Total,	$632 85

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 8th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adult 1, infants 8; Colored, infants 7,.....Total, 16
Confirmations,.....12
Marriages—White,..... 5
Funerals—White,..... 3
Communicants—White, at last report, 55, added 4, died 1, removed 2,..... } Present No... 56
Baptized persons not communicants—Infants 37, adults 9.....Total, 46
Outside attendants not numbered.
Sunday School—Teachers 8, Scholars 25,.....Total, 33
Colored, Scholars,..... 25
Library Books, say..... 75
Communions administered—In public 12, in private 4.....Total, 16
Communion Offerings, appropriated to Diocesan Missions.
Collections—Diocesan Missions.....$76 15
For Church purposes generally..... 50 00

Total,.....$126 15

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months, exclusive of visit to Mobile at the Consecration of Bishop PIERCE.

My report of the County Line Parish is distinct.

In addition to the services performed at these two Stations, I continue to render a monthly service in Warrenton, two and a half miles distant. These services are well attended, but as yet there are no fruits of accession to the Church. I however expect some in the future.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO.—Rev. W. J. PERDUE, Rector.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 15, infants 6,.....Total, 21
Confirmations—White.....18
Marriages—White 3, colored 1,.....Total, 4
Funerals—White..... 5
Communicants—White, at last report, 10, added 19, died 2 removed 1..... } Present No. 26
Sunday School—White, Teachers 5, Scholars 28.....Total, 33
Communions administered,..... 5
Communion Offerings,.....$29 40
Collections—Diocesan Missions..... 66 95
For Church purposes generally,.....450 00

Total,.....$546 35

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WHISTLER MISSION.

Rev. T. LEWIS BANISTER, Deacon in Charge.

May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 1, infants 3,.....Total, 4
Funerals—White,..... 1
Communicants—White, at last report 49, died 1, removed 3,...Present No. 45
Baptized persons not communicants.....100

Library Books—Sunday School 200, Parish Library 300.....Total, 500
Communions administered,..... 1
Communion Offerings.....$4 50
Collections—For Church purposes generally,..... 21 00

Total,.....$25 50

Entered upon charge Jan. 23d, 1870, by direction of the Bishop, and since have officiated on Sunday evenings and Thursday evenings of each week. Children's Catechetical School every Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. The latter takes place of Sunday School, which for the present has been unavoidably suspended.

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MOBILE, May 10th, 1870.

Rt. Rev. Father: I hereby forward Report for Whistler Mission. It is necessarily imperfect, as many changes have occurred since last report, concerning many of which no data can be obtained. Although unable to account for many of the communicants, the report to last Convention has been taken as a basis of this, with such changes noted as have come under official notice.

The Parish has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Mr. BENJ. C. BENNETT, for many years one of the most efficient and earnest of our Vestrymen. Through the efforts of the ladies over Five Hundred Dollars have been raised for the completion of the Church; and the work, having been commenced with great energy, is now nearly finished, and we hope soon to have the Church in a condition to be consecrated. Through the kindness of Mr. DEVAL, of Mobile, donations were obtained in Philadelphia of a neat Communion Service, a box of various articles, and One Hundred Dollars in cash. The Parish seems to be increasing in life and energy, and a number of persons are awaiting a visitation in order that they may receive the holy rite of Confirmation.

Praying that GOD may continue to bless the work so well initiated and carried on at Whistler by Rev. Mr. DAMUS, the late Missionary in charge, and that His blessing may be poured upon our beloved Diocese,

I remain, yours very faithfully,
T. LEWIS BANISTER,
Deacon in charge Whistler Mission.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. S. M. BIRD, Rector.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 5, infants 34 ....Total, 39
Confirmations—White 50, colored 1.....Total, 51
Marriages—White 3, colored 1.....Total 4
Funerals—White 9
Communicants—White, at last report 109, added 61, died 2,..... } Total, 169
Present No. 168; colored 1..... }
Baptized persons not communicants,.....235
Sunday School—White, Teachers 19, Scholars 125.....Total, 144
Library Books.....400
Communions administered.....14
Communion Offerings,.....$284 70
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 645 00
For Church purposes generally.....7,029 26

Total,.....$7,958 96

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

Church affairs with us are in a vigorous and flourishing condition. *Laus Deo.*

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 11, 1870.

Baptisms—White, infants		2
Funerals—White,		1
Communicants—White, at last report 19, added 1, died 1, removed 5	Present No.	14
Baptized persons not communicants		10
Sunday School—White, Teachers 3, Scholars 10	Total	13
Communions administered,		9
Communion Offerings,	$42 75	
Collections—Diocesan Missions,	$70 05	
University of the South	7 00	
For Church purposes generally,	375 00	
Total,	$494 80	

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months, 1st and 3d Sundays.

I have officiated at Gainesville: buried there one white adult, baptized one white infant. By the energy and perseverance of the ladies of the Parish, the Church has been repainted and recovered.

SEAL'S STATION.

May 9th, 1870.

Rt. Rev. Father in God: My labors since December last have been principally confined to this point.

Being altogether dependent upon the Methodists for a house in which to worship, the services have necessarily been irregular; but I trust, by an arrangement recently made, I will be enabled to hold them regularly once a month at least.

We are endeavoring to erect a Church edifice. About Five Hundred Dollars have been subscribed; but so great is the scarcity of money in this section that I fear it will be Fall before we can commence work upon it. An acre lot, desirably situated, has been presented us upon which to build.

With nine communicants, an increasing interest in the services of the Church, and an enquiry about the Church among thinking people, which far exceeds my expectations, we have much to encourage us.

Church books are read with avidity, and by this means I have been enabled to reach many, and hope influenced them for good.

The chief difficulty we labor under at present is the want of a building for a Sunday School. This will be overcome, I trust, ere long.

Very Respectfully,
DEB. WADDELL.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Missionary.

May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, Infants,		1
Marriages—White,		2
Funerals—White,		1
Communicants—White, at last report 20, added 2, died 1 removed 1,	Present No.	20
Baptized persons not Communicants		5
Communions administered,		10
Communion Offerings,	$56 45	

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, ten months.

The people here are making vigorous efforts to secure the services of a regular Pastor, with good prospects of success.

TALLADEGA MISSION.—Rev. J. F. Smith, Officiating.

May 5th, 1870.

Baptisms—Infants, ... 1
Confirmations—White, ... 4
Marriages—White, ... 1
Communicants—White 10

The above official acts were performed since the last Convention, but before the present Missionary began his labors. I have officiated here twice a month since December. We shall soon have a room fitted up and then we hope to have a better attendance. The prospect here is by no means discouraging. There is not as much prejudice against the Church as formerly, which is itself an encouraging sign.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Late in Charge.

Having had no regular connection with this Parish and the Missionary work associated with it, since the latter part of 1869, I am prepared to make no formal report. At Greenville, Evergreen and other points, during the Conventional year, I have had

Baptisms—Adults 7, infants 16, ... Total, 23
Confirmations 16
Marriages 5
Funerals, ... 4
Holy Communions 16
Total number of Communicants at Greenville and connected points 40

Owing to the absence of certain memoranda which I expected to fine here, I can report no further particulars.

The Church at Greenville, could it secure the services of a resident Minister, would be one of the most flourishing and interesting. I heartily bear witness to the zeal of its members, and their readiness to do even beyond their means. At Evergreen, I have been informed, a Parish is, or is about to be organized. The pressure of other duties, well known to the Bishop, has compelled me to withdraw from this field. I retire from it with unfeigned regret, not only because I deem it unusually promising, but because of the personal interest in the people from whom I have experienced great and unvarying kindness.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.

Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rector.—Rev. T. L. Banister, Assistant.

Mobile, May 11th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 10, infants 89, ... Total, 99
Confirmations—White, ... 41
Marriages—White, ... 24
Funerals—White, ... 35
Communicants—White, at last report, 351, added 71, died 3, removed 40, ... } Present No. 379
Sunday School—White, Teachers, 34, Scholars, 247, ... Total, 281
Communions Administered—(In the Church 27, in private 11) 38

Communion Offerings, ...	$180 80
Collections—Diocesan Missions, ...	362 25
Domestic Missions, ...	75 00
For Church purposes generally, out of the Parish, ...	117 50
	$735 55

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

May 8, 1870.

Baptisms—White, Infants,..... 9
Confirmations—White,..... 17
Marriages—White,..... 2
Funerals—White,..... 2
Communicants—White at last report, 53. added, 16, removed, 6, Present No. 63
Sunday School—White, Teachers, 11, Scholars, 68,.....Total, 79
Communions administered,..... 6
Communion Offerings,.....$ 31 40
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 121 00
" Domestic Missions,..... 5 00
" Foreign Missions,..... 5 00
" For Church purposes generally,..... 168 45

Total,.....$330 85

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, twelve months.

The condition of the Parish is encouraging. The congregation is increasing. The Bishop confirmed seventeen at his last visitation in June, the largest number ever confirmed at any one time in this Parish. The Church building is under contract, and it is hoped will be ready for consecration before long. The Sunday School children have determined to place in the Church a memorial window to the late venerated Bishop N. H. COBBS.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Officiating Rector.

MARION, May 10th, 1870.

Baptisms—White, adults 2, infants 3; Colored, infants, 2.....Total, 7
Confirmations—White,.....12
Funerals—White,..... 2
Communicants—White at last report, 63, added, 13, removed, 5, present No. 71
" Colored " " 3, " 2, " 2, " . 3

Total Communicants,.....74
Sunday School—White, teachers, 10, scholars, 44,.....Total, 54
Library Books,.....193
Communions administered,.....13
Communion Offerings,.....$62 20
Collections—Diocesan Missions,..... 96 60
" For Church purposes generally,.....801 45

Total.....$960 25

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last report, two to five days monthly.

The past year I have been able to serve this point regularly once a month, according to agreement. The Parish evinces growth and is putting forth various manifestations of life and vigor. All the year round—as well higher Fasts and Festivals as Sundays—regular services are sustained by Lay reading—the Principal of Lindisfarne School acting as reader. The Sunday School is alive and active, and gives good promise for the future Parish, under the untiring superintendence of Dr. J. F. KNIGHT. He expects soon to re-open the Sunday afternoon instruction and services for colored people.

The Lindisfarne School is still kept up for boys, by E. L. STICKNEY, with almost its complement of pupils the present term, and is doing its silent work for the Church. One-third of the late class of candidates for confirmation were furnished from this nursery.

Enlargement of the Parish Chapel has become a necessity, and preparations are in process for meeting the same before this year's expiration.

APPENDIX D.

Reports from Committee on Finance

AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

I.

REPORT ON ACCOUNT OF JAS. BOND, LATE TREASURER.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of JAMES BOND, late Treasurer of the Diocese, for the year ending May, 1869, and the accompanying statement of the account of the Bishop's salary up to May, 1869, have examined the same and find them correct, aud recommend that the same be passed and allowed.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
Chairman Committee on Finance.

JAMES BOND, *Treasurer*,
In account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1869.	*DR.*		
May 7.—	To balance in my hands this day, as per report to Convention,	$	243 35
May 12.—	To Cash from St. John's Church, Mobile, being interest on Note of W. P. Hammond,	$40 00	
	" " " Emn'l Jones,	24 00—	64 00
"	To Cash paid by St. Paul's, Greensboro', to Bp. Wilmer, his receipt dated March 22, 1869, now handed to me,		30 00
"	To Cash from St. John's, Montgomery,		635 00
"	" " Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,		181 85
"	" " Emmanuel, Opelika,		44 80
"	" " Trinity, Mobile,		275 00
"	" " St. James', Eufaula,		120 00
"	" " St. Paul's, Greensboro',		148 25
"	" " Holy Cross, Uniontown,		130 00
"	" " St. Andrew's, Macon,		68 00
"	" " Trinity, Florence,		52 00
"	" " St, John's, Tuscumbia,		75 00
"	" " Decatur, Mission,		20 00
"	" " Madison Station,		36 00
"	" " St. Mark's, Greene County,		72 00
"	" " St. Stephen's, Eutaw,		60 00
"	" " St. Alban's, Gainesville,		42 50
"	" " St. Paul's, Selma,		300 00
"	" " St. Mary's, Tallassee,		32 00
"	" " St. Michael's, Marengo County,		119 27
"	" " St. Wilfrid's, Marion,		115 00
"	" " St. Luke's, Jacksonville,		27 00
"	" " St. Paul's, Carlowville,		16 00
"	" " Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,		195 00
"	" " St. John's, Elyton,		30 00
	Amount carried forward,		$3,182 02

	Amount brought forward,	$3,132 02
May 12.—To Cash from	Trinity, Demopolis,	140 25
.. .. ..	Athens Mission,	25 00
May 27	St. Luke's, Cahaba,	11 25
June 8	Christ Church, Mobile, extra appropriation for 1867–8	210 00
.. .. ..	Christ Church, Mobile,	630 00
Aug. 1	St. Luke's, Jacksonville,	20 00
1870—May 10.—To Cash from	Trinity Church, Mobile,	422 82
		$4,591 34

1869. *CR.*

March 22.—By Cash to	Bishop Wilmer as per his receipt given to St. Paul's, Greensboro, of this date... (1)	$ 30 00
May 15.—By Cash paid	Mrs. Cobb's annuity.....(2)	500 00
.. .. ..	Bishop Wilmer.....(3)	2,423 10
.. .. ..	do do .....(4)	25 00
June 8.	Life Insurance of Bishop Wilmer.....(5)	77 55
.. .. ..	Bishop Wilmer.....(6)	840 00
June 12.	do do .....(7)	252 07
1870.		
April 1	Bishop Wilmer .....(8)	20 00
May 10	do do .....(9)	423 62
		$4,591 34

JAMES BOND, Treasurer.

NOTE: The foregoing account commences on 7th May, 1869, the date of my last report to the Convention of that year, to be found on page 32 of printed Journal. The two reports taken together make a complete exhibit of my accounts for the fiscal year ending at Convention of 1869. I send herewith a statement of the Bishop's account with the Diocese up to May, 1869, showing that all arrearages of salary to that date have been discharged. J. B.

II.

REPORT ON ACCOUNT OF WM. BARNEWALL, JR., TREASURER.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the accounts of WM. BARNEWALL, JR., Treasurer of the Diocese, and find the same full and correct, and reccommend that they be approved.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman Com.

REPORT AND ACCOUNT OF TREASURER.

MOBILE, May 10th, 1870.

The Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama, in laying his accounts before the Convention, begs to make the following remarks:

The system of quarterly payments by the Parishes of the assessments made by the Convention, has been only imperfectly complied with in some instances, and yet has been found to work well. So far as it has been carried out it has enabled the Treasurer to meet the obligations of the Diocese with more promptness and regularity than in any former year.

The Treasurer believes that the universal adoption of the rule of quarterly payments would be easier for the Parishes themselves than that of yearly payments; and simple justice requires that the money obligations of the Church should be honestly and seasonably met.

The Treasurer, therefore, asks the Convention to adopt the accompanying resolution.

WM. BARNEWALL, JR.,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

WM. BARNEWALL, JR., *Treasurer*,

In account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

DR.

To Trinity Church, Demopolis,	$ 150 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	860 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	10 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	150 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	50 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	800 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	300 00
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	75 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	19 40
Madison Station,	30 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	257 95
St. John's Church, Elyton,	25 00
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	50 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	31 25
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	75 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	50 00
Mission, County Line,	50 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,	250 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	20 00
Athens Mission,	17 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	400 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	12 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	37 50
Trinity Church, Florence,	37 50
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	20 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	75 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	50 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	5 00
Decatur Mission,	5 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,	600 00
	$4,012 60

1870.		
May 10.—To Balance		$ 760 30
" 11.	St. Luke's, Jacksonville,	50 00
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	50 00
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	17 05
	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	290 00
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	50 00
	St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	25 00
	Cavalry Church, Pushmataha,	15 00
	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	30 00
	St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	60
	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	15 00
	St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	93 75
" 12.	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	112 50
		$1,509 20
May 12.—To Balance Cash on hand		$1,009 20

1869.	*CR.*	
Aug. 18.—By Expense account—		
	Paid for Postage Stamps.....	$ 85
"	" Two Blank Books.....	1 00
Aug. 21.—Diocese of Alabama—		
	Paid Draft R. M. Nelson, Secretary, in favor James P. Armstrong, for printing Journal.....	320 00
1870.		
Feb. 9.—General Convention—		
	Remitted F. Ratchford Starr, Treasurer, for additional assessment on this Diocese to pay for printing Journal.	7 25
May.—Bishop R. H. Wilmer—		
	Paid him sundry times on account of salary, as per receipts.....	$2,923 20
		$3,252 30
May 10.—Balance		760 30
		$4,012 60
May 12—By paid Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs, annuity.....		500 00
"	Balance.....	1,009 20
		$1,509 20

WM. BARNEWALL, JR.,
Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

Mobile, May 12th, 1870.

III.

GENERAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance respectfully report to the Convention that it appears by the accounts of the present and late Treasurer that the Diocese is free of debt up to May, 1869, and that the present Treasurer has in hand the sum of $1009 20, and that there is due on the Life Policy of the Bishop, $129 23, and a balance on salary of past year due the Bishop of $1,066 80, showing a deficit of $186 83, besides the necessary expenses of this Convention.

The assessment for the past year upon the several Parishes amounted to the sum of $5,015 00, of which, by great diligence on the part of the Treasurer, the sum of $4,751 50 has been collected, but no more is to be expected from that source. It is quite evident to your Committee that an increase of the assessment is absolutely necessary to provide sufficient funds to meet the wants of the Diocese for another year; but theCommittee are met with applications for reduction by some of the Parishes. The Committee, after careful deliberation, report herewith an assessment which amounts to $5,190 00. They are sensible that a larger sum is needed, but cannot see their way to impose it under the representations made by the Parishes.

After paying the Life Insurance premium, there will remain a balance due the Bishop of $186 83.

The Committee recommend that the salary of the Bishop may remain as heretofore, $4,000 per annum: and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the Life Insurance premium on the Life Policy at once.

The Committee state that there are some balances due by some of the Parishes on assessments for the year 1868-9, which remain unpaid, and which

cannot be collected, and are only an embarrassment on the question of right to representation, which balances your Committee recommend be remitted.

They also recommend the remission of the assessment on the Parish of Emmanuel, Opelika, on account of the destruction, by a tornado, of their Church building.

In conclusion, your Committee express their sense of the energy and efficiency with which the Treasurer, WM. BARNEWALL, JR., and his assistant, HENRY BARNEWALL, have discharged their duty.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

ASSESSMENT FOR DIOCESAN FUND

FOR YEAR ENDING MAY, 1871.

St. John's Church, Montgomery,	$ 700 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	400 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	25 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,	550 00
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	150 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	175 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	100 00
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	40 05
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	75 00
Trinity Church, Florence,	50 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	20 00
Madison Station, Madison County	30 00
St. Mark's Church, Greene County,	75 00
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	75 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	350 00
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	50 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	125 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	100 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	50 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	150 00
St. John's Church, Elyton,	50 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	800 00
County Line, Dallas County,	50 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,	250 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	25 00
St. James' Church, Livingston	50 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	75 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	25 00
Athens Mission, Athens,	25 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County,	50 00
Talladega Mission, Talladega,	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler,	25 00
Montevallo Mission, Montevallo,	25 00
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County	25 00
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	25 00
Guntersville Mission, Guntersville,	25 00
Hayneville Mission, Hayneville, Lowndes County,	25 00
Total,	$5,290 00

APPENDIX E.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama:

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to make the following report:

In compliance with the resolutions of the last Convention, instructing them to collect all of the assets of the Bishop's Fund, the undersigned have made written or personal application to all of the persons whose notes were in their hands, and which are described in the report made to the Convention of 1869. Many of these parties have been ruined and, though willing to do so, are therefore unable to pay. Some few express an unwillingness to pay more than the annual interest on their notes, while a small number have responded favorably to the application. The undersigned attach a statement, marked A, to their report, which contains a list of such notes as are believed to be of no value, owing to the death, removal, or altered circumstances of the parties. This statement has been carefully prepared from reliable information, and if incorrect in any particular, can be corrected by the Delegates from the several Parishes in attendance upon the Convention.

The Trustees respectfully recommend that all of the notes included in this statement should be dropped from the Fund by order of the Convention. They would make the same recommendation in regard to the notes of the Clergy, as the troubles of the country have left them in no condition to withdraw any means from the support of their families.

It will appear from the accompanying report of the Treasurer what notes have been collected. These collections have been invested in Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Company, which are amply secured by mortgage upon real estate.

It is impossible to state at this time, with accuracy, the value of the Fund, but the Trustees are inclined to hope that the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars will be realized from the present assets.

The Trustees respectfully suggest that the authority of the Trustees to collect and reinvest the notesbelonging to the Fund, be continued by the Convention, and that they be also authorized in collecting them to make such compromises as they may deem advisable, in view of the altered condition of many of the parties.

The Trustees cannot close their report without urging upon the Convention the importance to the Church in the Diocese, of increasing this Fund to the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars, to which sum it is limited by the Act of Incorporation of January 24th, 1845.

The present sum forms a nucleus which in time, by prudent management, with the aid of additional donations, may be increased to that sum. This would yield an ample support to our Bishop and enable the Parishes to contribute more liberally to other Church works.

The time is propitious, and we should lose no opportunity of increasing the strength of our branch of the Church.

The prejudices which once impaired its growth have yielded to better influences, and our Missionary Bishops are now found in the regions of the far West, teaching the truths of our beautiful Liturgy, thus refuting the popular objection that the Episcopal Church is not suited to the wants of the masses.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
A. G. MABRY,
GEO. O. BAKER.

SCHEDULE A.

Reinvestments by Trustees for Loaned Money.

Joseph J. Pegues, Tuskaloosa, Feb'y 8th, 1854,	$ 400 00
Joseph J. Pegues, " May 1st, 1857,	658 08
J. Westley Coleman, Marion, May 2d, 1859,	1,296 98

Christ Church, Mobile.

W. K. Thurber, Feb'y 22d, 1850,	25 00
W. Moreton Dyer, Jan'y 10th, 1856,	100 00
W. M. Garrow, Feb'y 21st, 1860,	100 00

St. John's Church, Mobile.

John Johnson, Jan'y 15th, 1856,	200 00

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

A. S. Nicholson, Jan'y 23d, 1860,	100 00
Joseph J. Pegues, Aug. 1849,	25 00

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

R. A. Colclough, Jan'y 15th, 1850,	25 00
William Knox, Jan'y 14th, 1850,	150 00
E. F. Taylor, Jan'y 1st, 1850,	150 00
W. H. Lucas, Jan'y 27th, 1856,	50 00

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

A. Barnum,	50 00

Church of Holy Cross, Uniontown.

James L. Price, Dec. 31st, 1855,	125 00

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

Wm. Lowry, Aug. 28th, 1849,	10 00
C. M. and M. M. Jones, Dec. 10th, 1855,	50 00
Wm. H. Eager, Dec. 10th, 1855,	50 00
B. B. Hotchkiss, Dec. 10th, 1855,	25 00

St. Peter's Church, Lowndes Co.

Wm. H. Chambliss, March 22d, 1850,	25 00

St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

W. E. Bird, Aug. 20th, 1849,	50 00
R. H. Stoutenborough, Aug. 30th, 1849,	25 00
William A. Beene, Aug. 30th, 1849,	50 00
Geo. W. Gayle, Dec. 8th, 1855,	50 00

James L. Evans and Anna Evans, Dec. 7th, 1855,.....$ 50 00
J. Baunnan Duke, Dec. 7th, 1855,..... 25 00
E. G. Ulmer, Dec. 7th, 1855,..... 50 00
Mary M. English, Dec. 8th, 1855,..... 25 00

Grace Church, St. Stephens.

C. Stith, Sept. 26th, 1849,..... 62 50

St. Mary's Church, Camden.

Thos. K. Beck, Dec. 21st, 1855,..... 150 00
F. K. Beck, Dec. 21st, 1855,..... 150 00
J. T. Dortch,..... 91 00
H. R. Curtis,..... 50 00

Trinity Church, Dallas Co.

W. B. Townsend,..... 25 00

Christ Church, Hayneville.

Nat. Cook, Aug. 24th, 1849,..... 25 00

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

T. M. McAnley,..... 100 00
J. B. Norvell,..... 25 00
J. W. Wilson,..... 20 00

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

G. A. Wyser,..... 100 00

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.

John G. Friend, Sept. 18th, 1849,..... 100 00

St. John's Church in the Prairies.

Mortimer Jordan, May 4th, 1850,..... 50 00

St. Alban's Church, Gainesville.

R. G. Spaight,..... 25 00

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

L. N. Walthall, Dec. 14th, 1855,..... 100 00

St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

W. H. Newsom, Nov. 13th, 1849,..... 50 00

Trinity Church, Florence.

Thos. Simpson, April 9th, 1856,..... 25 00
J. B. T. Smith, Nov. 1st, 1849,..... 50 00

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In account with BISHOP'S FU

1869.		DR.	
May 12.—	To Balance brought down		$
" 13.—	" Cash from D. Minge, Interest		5
June 3.—	" " On note of T. M. Walthall		18
" "	" " " " B. G. Semple and E. Shield		10
" "	" " " " J. M. Adams		7
1870.			
Jan. 27.—	" " " " Geo. P. Tayloe		10
Feb. 1.—	" " " " A. Stollenwerck		10
" "	" " " " A. S. Jeffries		2
" "	" " " " Ann J. Jeffries		2
" 4	" " " " R. H. Adams		18
" 11	" " " " Mary E. Thompson		
April 28	" " " " E. L. Stickney		10
" "	" " " " C. D. Parke		5
" "	" " " " A. W. Spaight,		5
" "	" " " " R. H. Dawson		5
May 9	" Interest " T. C. Osborn		
" "	" " " Sarah A. Pasteur		
" "	" " " Ann T. Randolph		
" 10	" " Benj. Reynolds		2
" 11	" Interest " Thos. A. Harrison		1
" "	" " " P. L. Lightfoot		1
" "	" " " I. McGould		
" 12	" " " T. B. Taylor		1
" "	" " " Fanny Taylor		
" "	" " " Charles T. Pollard		2
" "	" " " P. T. Sayre		
			$1,14

1869.	CR.	
June 3—	By Cash paid J. P. Armstrong, printing	$
1870.		
April 8—	By Cash paid for Bond No. 37, of Selma Gas Co., $500 @ 95c	47
April 28—	By Cash paid for Bond No. 36, of Selma Gas Co,. $500 @ 95c	47
May 13—	By Balance in hands of Treasurer	19
		$1,14

APPENDIX F.

Account of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,

In account with DIOCESAN MISSIONS OF ALABAMA.

1869.	*DR.*	
May 10.—To Balance		$ 277 81
1870.		
May 10.—To Christ Church, Mobile,		399 37
	Trinity Church, Mobile,	362 25
	St. John's Church, Mobile,	42 20
	Miss Daisy Broun, Mobile,	5 00
	St. Paul's Church, Selma,	845 07
	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	246 65
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	391 90
	Trinity Church, Demopolis,	121 00
	St. James' Church, Livingston,	20 60
	St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	15 70
	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	67 15
	St. Mark's Church,	18 00
	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	39 50
	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	92 85
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	16 45
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	136 65
	Grace Church, County Line,	62 58
	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	45 50
	St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	45 30
	St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	33 30
	St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	142 15
	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,'	52 30
	St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	22 00
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	67 30
	Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	18 60
	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	26 95
	Dayton,	11 25
	Hayneville,	23 00
	Cross Keys,	10 60
	Seal's Station,	11 00
	Elyton,	30 90
		$3,700 83

1869. *CR.*

By Bishop Wilmer's Drafts in favor of—

May 24.—	Rev.	B. F. Mower,	$ 150 00
..	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
June 3.	..	W. J. Perdue,	50 00
June 4.	..	J. H. Ticknor,	100 00
..	..	F. B. Lee,	16 70
..	..	W. J. Perdue,	54 70
..	..	F. B. Lee,	150 00
..	Self,	for Missionary purposes,	10 70
July 6.—	Rev.	J. C. Davis,	100 00
..	..	T. J. Beard,	33 80
..	..	J. H. Ticknor,	100 00
July 12.	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
Sept. 7.	..	J. C. Davis,	100 00
Sept. 23.	..	J. C. Davis,	100 00
Oct. 13.	..	T. J. Beard,	50 00
Oct. 25.	..	T. J. Beard	50 00
Oct. 28.	..	J. C. Davis,	57 60
Nov. 17.	..	J. H. Ticknor,	50 00
Dec. 10.	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
1870.			
Jan'y 3.	..	W. J. Perdue,	42 00
..	..	T. J. Beard,	30 00
..	..	B. F. Mower,	74 50
..	..	DeB. Waddell,	11 00
..	..	J. C. Davis,	59 60
Feb. 23.	..	F. B. Lee,	113 15
..	..	T. J. Beard,	136 65
Feb. 26.	Self,	for Missionary purposes,	20 00
Mch. 10.	Rev.	J. F. Smith,	100 00
Mch. 11.	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
Apr. 8.	..	J. H. Ticknor,	150 00
Apr. 22.	..	J. F. Smith,	100 00
Apr. 30.	..	F. W. Damus,	150 00
May 4.	..	DeB. Waddell,	100 00
May 5.	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
May 10.	..	T. J. Beard,	100 00
..	By balance,		839 86
			$3,700 86

1870.
May 10.—To balance, ... $839 86

JOSEPH W. FIELD, Treasurer.

MOBILE, May 10th, 1870.

Constitution

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

The Clergy and Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, for the purpose of promoting the cause of religion and piety, establishing order, and securing to themselves and their posterity the advantages of the Ministry and Ordinances of the Church, do ordain and establish this Constitution. Preamble.

ARTICLE I. This Church hereby accedes to the authority, and recognizes and adopts the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America. Authority of P. E. Ch. of United States recognized.

ART. II. There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church, to be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the next preceding Convention; and in case there should be an epidemic disease in the place appointed for holding said Convention, or any other good cause to render it necessary to alter the place fixed for holding it, the Bishop shall have the power to appoint another convenient place for holding the same. Annual Convention to be held.

ART. III. The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Every Clergymen in Ecclesiastical connexion with the Diocese, being a Minister or Assistant Minister of some Parish within the same, or a Missionary under the direction of the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof, or being a president, professor or tutor, in some institution of learning recognized and approved by this Convention, or being unable to discharge the duties of the Ministry on account of age or infirm health, or a Chaplain in the army or navy, shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Convention: *Provided*, That no clerical member shall be entitled to vote in the Convention unless he be a Presbyter, and shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Deputies, not exceeding five from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof, from the Church within the same. Of whom Convention composed. Proviso.

ART. IV. Four members of the clerical order, and the representations of four Parishes, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may adjourn. What constitute a quorum.

ART. V. The Bishop shall be President of the Convention. If he be absent, or if there be no Bishop, the Convention shall choose a President, *pro tempore*, from the Presbyters present. The Bishop may make any motion which he shall judge to be conducive to the good of the Church, but shall not enter into debate; and he Bishop to preside. His authority in Convention.

CANON III.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

Elected by Convention.

§1. A Registrar shall be elected by the Convention of the Diocese, who shall be an officer of this Convention, and whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable safe for the preservation and safe keeping of all Deeds or other Conveyances of all Church Property, the original Articles of Association of all Parishes, and any other documents of interest and value to the Church in this Diocese which may be deposited with him; and he shall also use reasonable diligence in collecting and preserving all such papers as may now be in existence or shall hereafter be executed.

Shall collect and preserve documents.

All deeds to be left with the Registrar, and Articles of Association of Parishes.

§2. It shall be the duty of all Rectors or Vestries of Parishes, Trustees of Church Property, and any one into whose hands Conveyances of Real Estate for Church purposes may come, to have the same duly recorded and certified, and then promptly deposit the same, or a certified copy thereof, with the Registrar, who shall examine such Instruments, and, finding them duly recorded and certified, shall enter the title thereof in a Catalogue to be formed of such papers, shall file them in due order and deposit them in his safe, subject to the order and control of the Convention. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to turn over to the Registrar all Articles of Association of Parishes which are admitted into union with the Convention.

Keep copies of Journal and Pastorals.

§3. The Registrar shall collect and preserve at least one copy of the Journal of every Convention of the Diocese and of every General Convention, and the Charges and Pastoral Letters at any time issued by Bishops of this Diocese, and have the same suitably bound in convenient volumes.

Record Book.

§4. He shall also provide a suitable book, in which to record such Episcopal or Clerical acts as may be deemed proper by the Bishop, and shall report annually to the Convention.

Term of Office.

§5. The Registrar shall continue in office until his successor be elected, to whom he shall transfer all papers and other property in his possession.

CANON IV.

OF THE DIOCESAN PRINTER.

Elected by Convention.

§1. The Convention shall elect a Diocesan Printer, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Convention. His duty shall be to print the Annual Reports of the Convention in a suitable form and of convenient size, and also to print, in like form and of like size, whatever Addresses, Circulars, Pastoral Letters or other documents the Bishop may from time to time see fit to issue to the Clergy or to the Laity of the Diocese; and he shall be entitled to draw upon the Treasurer for the customary and reasonable cost of such labor, when performed, and approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Prints Journals, Pastorals, &c.

How Paid.

CANON V.

ELECTION OF DEPUTIES.

Deputies to General Convention.

§1. The Diocesan Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Deputies to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON VI.

DIVISION OF PARISHES.

Division of Parish.

§1. When any portion of a Parish in conection with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt the Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON VII.

OF THE VESTRY.

Of the Vestry, when elected.

§1. In every Parish there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as the Senior Warden of the Parish.

Vestry to elect Secretary, and his duty.

§2. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform all such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents that may be in his possession belonging to the Parish.

Vestry to elect Treasurer, and his duty.

§3. The Vestry shall elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Vestry, the collection and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys that come into his hands, and submit an exhibit of the same annually, and whenever called upon to do so.

Qualifications of voters for Vestrymen.

§4. In every Parish the qualifications of voters shall be determined and regulated by the Parish itself; but in the formation of new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who shall not have signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

Qualifications for Vestrymen.

§5. No person shall be elected a Vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected: *Provided*, That no person shall be qualified to act as Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and approve the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Duty of Vestry.

§6. It shall be the duty of the Vestry to take charge of the property of the Church, to regulate its temporal concerns, elect and call a Minister, and provide for his maintainance; to keep order in Church during the celebration of Divine worship, and in general to act as helpers to the Minister in whatever is appropriate to Laymen for the furtherance of the Gospel.

Duty of Wardens.

§7. It shall be the duty of the Wardens especially to provide the elements of the Lord's Supper, to collect the alms at the administration of the same, to keep and disburse such alms in case the Church is destitute of a Minister, to provide for the celebration of public worship, and the instruction of the congregation by occasional clerical services, or by lay reading, as circumstances may permit.

CANON III.

OF THE REGISTRAR.

Elected by Convention.

§1. A Registrar shall be elected by the Convention of the Diocese, who shall be an officer of this Convention, and whose duty it shall be to provide a suitable safe for the preservation and safe keeping of all Deeds or other Conveyances of all Church Property, the original Articles of Association of all Parishes, and any other documents of interest and value to the Church in this Diocese which may be deposited with him; and he shall also use reasonable diligence in collecting and preserving all such papers as may now be in existence or shall hereafter be executed

Shall collect and preserve documents.

All deeds to be left with the Registrar, and Articles of Association of Parishes.

§2. It shall be the duty of all Rectors or Vestries of Parishes Trustees of Church Property, and any one into whose hands Conveyances of Real Estate for Church purposes may come, to have the same duly recorded and certified, and then promptly deposit the same, or a certified copy thereof, with the Registrar who shall examine such Instruments, and, finding them duly recorded and certified, shall enter the title thereof in a Catalogue to be formed of such papers, shall file them in due order and deposit them in his safe, subject to the order and control of the Convention. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary of the Convention to turn over to the Registrar all Articles of Association of Parishes which are admitted into union with the Convention.

Keep copies of Journal and Pastorals.

§3. The Registrar shall collect and preserve at least one copy of the Journal of every Convention of the Diocese and of every General Convention, and the Charges and Pastoral-Letters at any time issued by Bishops of this Diocese, and have the same suitably bound in convenient volumes.

Record Book.

§4. He shall also provide a suitable book, in which to record such Episcopal or Clerical acts as may be deemed proper by the Bishop, and shall report annually to the Convention.

Term of Office.

§5. The Registrar shall continue in office until his successor be elected, to whom he shall transfer all papers and other property in his possession.

CANON IV.

OF THE DIOCESAN PRINTER.

Elected by Convention.

§1. The Convention shall elect a Diocesan Printer, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Convention. His duty shall be to print the Annual Reports of the Convention in a suitable form and of convenient size, and also to print, in like form and of like size, whatever Addresses, Circulars, Pastoral Letters or other documents the Bishop may from time to time see fit to issue to the Clergy or to the Laity of the Diocese; and he shall be entitled to draw upon the Treasurer for the customary and reasonable cost of such labor, when performed, and approved by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Prints Journals, Pastorals, &c.

How Paid.

CANON V.

ELECTION OF DEPUTIES.

Deputies to General Convention.

§1. The Diocesan Convention shall elect, at a regular annual meeting, Deputies to the General Convention, who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

CANON VI.

DIVISION OF PARISHES.

Division of Parish.

§1. When any portion of a Parish in conection with this Convention shall desire to be separated from the Parish to which they belong, and to be erected into a new Parish, they shall first secure the consent of the Parish, adopt the Articles of Association, and apply to the Convention for admission. In case the Parish should not consent to the proposed division, the portion seeking for it shall make known the fact to the Convention, and the Convention shall then decide upon the expediency of separation.

CANON VII.

OF THE VESTRY.

Of the Vestry, when elected.

§1. In every Parish there shall be an annual election on Easter Monday, or on such day thereafter as the Parish may appoint, of a Vestry, consisting of not less than three, and not more than eleven members, who shall continue in office until their successors are chosen. Two of the Vestrymen shall be appointed to serve as Wardens, one of whom shall be designated as the Senior Warden of the Parish.

Vestry to elect Secretary, and his duty.

§2. The Vestry shall elect a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to take and record the minutes of their proceedings, attest the public acts of the Vestry, preserve all records and papers belonging to the Parish, perform all such other duties as shall be legally assigned to him, and faithfully deliver into the hands of his successor, all books and documents that may be in his possession belonging to the Parish.

Vestry to elect Treasurer, and his duty.

§3. The Vestry shall elect a Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to receive and disburse all moneys collected under the authority of the Vestry, the collection and disbursement of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys that come into his hands, and submit an exhibit of the same annually, and whenever called upon to do so.

Qualifications of voters for Vestrymen.

§4. In every Parish the qualifications of voters shall be determined and regulated by the Parish itself; but in the formation of new Parishes, no person shall be entitled to vote who shall not have signed the Articles of Parochial Association.

Qualifications for Vestrymen.

§5. No person shall be elected a Vestryman who is not a qualified voter in the Parish for which he is elected: *Provided*, That no person shall be qualified to act as Vestryman who does not believe in the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and approve the doctrine and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

Duty of Vestry.

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The Rector to preside at and call Vestry meetings.

§8. The Rector of every Parish shall *ex officio* preside as chairman at Vestry meetings, and shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie, in all questions except those in which he may be personally concerned. The Rector shall have power to call Vestry meetings at any time, giving reasonable notice, and it shall be his duty to do so whenever he may be requested by three members of the Vestry. In his absence, or if the Parish is without a Rector, the Senior Warden, or any two members of the Vestry, shall have power to call Vestry meetings, giving reasonable notice.

In his absence, the Sen. Warden.

Vestry meetings, when held.

§9. There shall be holden four regular Vestry meetings in each year, one on Easter Monday, and the others quarterly thereafter.

Vestry, vacancies in, how filled.

§10. Vacancies in the Vestry, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the remaining members.

CANON VIII.

OF THE CLERGY.

List of Clergy to be presented to Convention.

§1. Before the meeting of every Convention, the Bishop, or if there be no Bishop, the clerical members of the Standing Committee shall cause to be prepared a list of all the clergymen canonically resident in the Diocese, annexing the names of their respective cures, or parishes, or stations as Missionaries, or of the Institutions of learning in which they are engaged; and the places of residence of such as are not employed in either of the ways above mentioned, specifying at the same time who of either class are Deacons; but no person, while suspended from the Ministry, shall have a place on such list; and such list shall be laid before the Convention immediately after it shall have been called to order, and the names of clerical members called therefrom. The same shall be appended to the Journal, and the list sent to the Secretary of the General Convention.

When called.

Right to seat.

§2. When the right of any Clergyman to a seat in the Convention is disputed, it shall be determined by the Convention, according to the provisions of the Constitution, whether his name be inserted in the list aforesaid or omitted.

Candidates ineligible.

§3. No person who is a candidate for Holy Orders in the Church shall be permitted to accept an appointment as Deputy to the Convention of the Diocese.

Title II.

GENERAL REGULATIONS OF MINISTERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

CANON I.

OF ATTENDANCE UPON CONVENTION.

Duty of Clergy to attend Convention.

§1. The regular attendance of the clergy at the meetings of the Convention, being deemed of great importance to the interests of the Church, is a duty with which no slight obstacle should be allowed to interfere. And it is recommended to the Parishes to make provision for the expenses of their respective Ministers in attending the Convention.

CANON II.

OF ADMISSION TO PARISH.

§1. No clergyman shall be admitted to the pastoral charge of any Parish unless he first produce to the Vestry thereof a certificate from the Bishop, or in case there be no Bishop, from the Standing Committee, that he has presented satisfactory testimonials that he is an accredited Minister of the Church in good standing. Admission of Clergymen to Parish.

CANON III.

OF THE PARISH REGISTER AND REPORTS.

§1. Every Minister shall keep a register of all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages and funerals solemnized by him, or in his Parish by any other Minister, specifying the names and times of birth of the children baptized, together with the names of the parents and sponsors; the names of the adults baptized, and also the witnesses of the baptism; the names of those confirmed, and by whom; the names of persons married, and of persons buried; and also the times when each rite and sacrament were performed. This register shall be kept in a book provided for that purpose, and belonging to the Vestry in each Parish, which book shall be called the Parish Register, and be considered as a part of the Records of the Parish. Minister shall keep register.

§2. In addition to the Register above named, the Minister of each Parish shall keep a list of the communicants and families within his cure, specifying the time when the former became communicants of his Parish, and whether by removal from some other Parish or otherwise. Further record.

§3 Every Minister shall, on or before the first day of every Annual Convention, deliver, or cause to be delivered, to the Bishop of the Diocese, or if there be no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, a statement of the number of baptisms, marriages, funerals, and confirmations within his cure since the last Convention, the number of communicants, and the number of baptized persons not communicants; specifying the number of removals, deaths, and additions from other churches, or otherwise, during the same time; also, the number of pupils and teachers connected with the Sunday Schools; and the amount 1st, of all expenditures for Parochial purposes; 2d, of all charities and benefactions within the Parish, within the Diocese, or elsewhere; and 3d, of all contributions, however raised, for any Church objects not included in the aforenamed items, together with a concise statement of whatever other matters may be important in showing the state of the Parish. Minister to report to Convention, Parochial work within his Parish, also number of Communicants, Sunday School Teachers and Pupils, Moneys raised and paid out.

§4. In every Parish destitute of a Minister, the Register shall be kept by some person appointed by the Vestry for that purpose; and the Annual Parochial Reports shall be presented or forwarded to the Bishop, or President of the Convention, if there be no Bishop, by the Wardens of the Parish. When Wardens make report.

CANON IV.

OF VACANT PARISHES.

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the Rectorship of any Parish, it shall be the duty of the Vestry of such Parish promptly to notify the Bishop of such vacancy; and in the event of the failure of the Vestry, for a period of three months, to give such notification to the Bishop, or if the Vestry inform him that no adequate steps are being taken to supply the vacancy, or of its Vacant Parishes.

inability to supply it, then the Bishop, if he shall see fit to do so, may appoint a Clergyman to officiate temporarily in said Parish or until the vacancy in the Rectorship shall have been supplied by the action of the Vestry; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the Parish to provide, according to its ability, for the maintenance of the Clergyman so officiating.

Title III.

OF DISCIPLINE.

CANON I.

OF THE BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

How constituted.

§1. There shall be in this Diocese a Board of Preliminary Inquiry, to consist of three Presbyters, to be elected annually by the Convention, and to continue in office until their successors are chosen.

When and by whom to be summoned.

§2. Whenever charges in writing against any minister of this Diocese signed by either: 1, the Vestrymen, or a majority of them, of the Parish whereof the accused is a minister; or 2, by three male communicants of the Church in good standing, of whom one at least is a Presbyter; or 3, whenever a minister of this Diocese shall have reason to believe that there are in circulation reports or charges affecting his moral, religious or clerical character, and shall demand of the Bishop a formal investigation of the same; or 4, whenever at his own instance the Bishop shall judge that such an investigation would subserve the interests of the Church, it shall be the duty of the Bishop to summon the Board of Preliminary Inquiry.

Summons in writing.

§3. The summons shall be in writing, and shall, designate the time and place of meeting, of which thirty days' notice shall be given to the accused, and he may appear to rebut or explain away the rumors and charges so alleged.

Accused may appear.

§4. It shall be the duty of every member of the Board to attend at the time and place designated, but a majority may proceed in the Inquiry. On assembling, the Board shall organize by choosing from among themselves a President and Secretary. In case of a vacancy in the Board, or when the person accused is a member of the same, the remaining members shall fill the vacancy. The sittings of the Board shall be private.

How organized.

Vacancies.

§5. In conducting the investigation, the Board shall institute such inquiries as they may deem advisable, and shall hear the accusations and charges and such proof as may be presented, together with such rebutting evidence and explanations as the party accused may offer, all which evidence shall be taken under the solemnity of an oath, or in writing signed by the person or persons testifying, and shall then determine whether upon matters of law and fact as presented to them there is sufficient ground to put the accused upon his trial.

Investigation how conducted.

If a majority of the Board present shall be of opinion that there are sufficient grounds, they shall cause to be prepared a presentment, to be signed by such of the Board as agree thereto, which presentment, so signed, they shall transmit to the Bishop, and shall also furnish to the accused a copy of the same, and in all cases the presentment shall specify the grounds of accusation with reasonable certainty of time, place and circumstance.

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§6. No presentment shall be found in any case unless the alledged offence shall have been committed within three years, next before the day on which the summons to the Board was dated. But if the accused shall have been convicted of the alledged offence in a municipal court, notwithstanding three years may have elapsed since its commission, a presentment may be founded on charges delivered to the Bishop at any time within one year after such conviction. Presentment. When it must be made.

§7. If from the offence charged it shall appear to the Board of Inquiry that great scandal is likely to arise from the accused continuing to perform his clerical duties, the Bishop upon their recommendation may, after presentment is made, inhibit him from performing ministerial services until sentence shall be given. Accused, when to be inhibited.

CANON II.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN.

§1. Any Priest or Deacon amenable to the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese, may be presented for trial on charges for the following offences, viz: Offences for which a Clergyman may be tried.

1. Crime or Immorality. 2. Holding and teaching publicly or privately and advisedly any doctrine contrary to that held by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. 3. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. 4. Violation of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese. 5. Any act which involves a breach of his ordination vows, or for conduct disgraceful to the clerical profession.

§2. There shall be an Ecclesiastical Court for the Diocese of Alabama to try such charges as may be preferred against any Priest or Deacon of said Diocese. It shall be composed of three Presbyters not members of the Board of Preliminary Inquiry. They shall be annually elected by the Convention and hold their office until their successors are chosen. If a vacancy should occur in the court by death or removal, or by the accused being a member of the court, the vacancy shall be filled by the remaining members of the court. The Court, how organized. Vacancies, how filled.

A presentment being made, as provided for by Title III., Canon 1, the Bishop shall forthwith appoint a time and place for the assembling of the court, the time being not less than six weeks nor more than four months, of which the accused shall have thirty days' notice by summons to appear and answer. The Bishop shall have power, until the court assembles, to issue summonses for such witnesses as he may deem necessary for the defence or for the support of the charges preferred. The Bishop to summons the Court and the accused.

§3. The court being assembled shall appoint a President and Secretary, the first from their own body and the last from their own body or otherwise. They shall also appoint a Church Advocate, who may be of the profession of the law, and shall be a communicant of this Church, and who thenceforward shall in all stages of the proceedings represent the Church and be the party The officers of the Court.

on the one hand while the accused is the party on the other. The accused may appear by counsel, but such counsel shall not consist of more than one person, and he also shall be a communicant of this Church.

Accused may appear by counsel.

The trial may be public if the court or the accused require it so to be. The court shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, within the Diocese. If it fail to meet on the day appointed, it shall stand adjourned to the next day, and from day to day for the space of three days, if it be not sooner formed; and if the whole number do not attend, and it appears probable that a full attendance cannot be had, those of the court who may be present, not being less than two, may proceed to trial.

Of adjournment.

The court shall cause the oral testimony for and against the accused to be written down, and together with the depositions and other evidence read upon the trial, to be carefully preserved, and shall cause a record to be kept of its proceedings. The oath to the witnesses may be administered, either by the court, or by some officer authorized by law to administer an oath, as the court may determine.

Testimony, how taken.

§4. If the accused do not appear after due notice, or furnish satisfactory reasons for his non-appearance, the court may proceed to trial in his absence, or for good cause shown, may adjourn the trial to another day; and if he refuse or decline to appear, without satisfactory reasons, the court shall report him to the Bishop for contumacy, who shall thereupon pass upon him the sentence of suspension from the ministry. But such sentence may be revised by the Bishop if the accused within three calendar months shall report to him that he is prepared to undergo his trial, and shall appear for that purpose before the court; and if he do not so report himself and appear, the Bishop, in view of the charges in the presentment, may pass upon him the sentence of degradation from the ministry.

Contumacy.

Sentence for the same.

§5. Upon the application of the Church Advocate, or of the accused to the Bishop, a reasonable time before the trial, setting forth that the attendance of a material witness can not be had, he shall appoint a Clergyman or Layman as a commissioner to take the deposition of such witness, and the party so applying shall give to the other party not less than five days' notice of the time and place of taking the deposition. If the party to whom such notice is given shall reside more than forty miles from the place appointed for taking the deposition, an additional day exclusive of Sundays shall be allowed for every twenty miles. The examination shall be in writing, and shall be signed by the witness or witnesses, and the deposition certified by the commissioner and transmitted under seal to the court. The testimony so taken shall be upon oath, which may be administered by the commissioner or by an officer authorized by the law to administer an oath.

Of depositions.

How to be taken.

§6. When the trial shall be gone through, the accused shall retire, and the court shall declare in writing, to be signed by the several members, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether they find the accused guilty or not guilty on the several specifications, and if guilty, determining what sentence in their opinion ought to be pronounced. They shall forward their decision, together with the evidence and the record of the proceedings, to the Bishop, whereupon the Bishop shall pronounce such sentence as shall to him appear proper, it being not of a higher grade than

The verdict.

Proceedings to be sent to the Bishop.

that determined by the court, and such sentence shall be final. But if, in the opinion of the Bishop, the accused ought to have a new trial, he shall have power to order it.

§7. If at any time the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, the Bishop, such confession being made to him, or being certified to him by the court, shall proceed to pass sentence. If when put upon his trial before the court the accused shall neither admit nor deny the charges, he shall be regarded as pleading not guilty, and the trial shall proceed. If the accused confesses. Makes no plea.

§8. It shall be the duty of the Bishop to report to the Convention at its next session after the trial of any Clergyman, as herein provided, the finding of the court, and his sentence thereupon. Proceedings to be reported to the Convention.

§9. Any minister may be presented for holding and teaching doctrine inconsistent with that of this church, by a Presbyter of good standing, but in no other mode, nor shall it be lawful for two or more persons to unite in such presentment. The trial shall proceed as herein provided, except in these particulars, viz: 1. The person making such presentment shall appoint the Church Advocate. 2. The trial may be at any time not exceeding one year after the date of the presentment. 3. The court shall consist of all the Presbyters entitled to seats in the Convention, of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum, but the consent of three fourths of the members present shall be necessary to conviction. Case of Heresy.

Title IV.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

CANON I.

OF THE REPEAL OF CANONS.

§1. Whenever there shall be a repealing clause in any Canon, and the said Canon shall be repealed, such repeal shall not be a re-enactment of the Canon or Canons repealed by the said repealing clause. Repeal of repeal, not re-enactment.

CANON II.

ON THE ENACTMENT AND ALTERATION OF CANONS.

§1. In all cases of future enactment, the same, if by way of amendment of an existing provision, shall be in the following form: "Canon——(or section——of Canon——,) (or clause——of section——of Canon——) of Title——, is hereby amended so as to read as follows." And if the enactment is of an additional clause, section or Canon, it shall be designated as the next Canon, or next section, or next clause of a Canon or section, in the order of numbering of the Title to which the subject properly belongs; and if a Canon or section, or clause be stricken out, the existing numbering shall be retained until a new edition of the Canons be directed. Form of altering Canons.

§2. No proposed alteration of, or addition to the Canons shall be considered by the Convention, (unless by unanimous consent) without at least one day's notice thereof in open Convention; nor shall such alteration or addition be adopted during the same Convention, if two-thirds of the votes of both orders shall not concur therein, but in such case the same shall lie over for consideration until the next annual meeting of the Convention. Alteration of, and additions to Canons.

§3. All former Canons are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Standing Resolutions.

I.

[Journal of 1868, pp. 32, 33.]

Resolved, 1st. That the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese be and is hereby authorized to fill any vacancy that may occur in the Board of Trustees of the University of the South, on the part of this Diocese: *Provided*, that a meeting of said Board of Trustees is to be held between the occurrence of such vacancy and the Annual Convention of the Diocese next thereafter.

Resolved, 2d. That any Trustee of the aforesaid University, on the part of this Diocese, who may not be able to attend any approaching meeting of the Board of Trustees, be requested to notify the Ecclesiastical authority of the Diocese of such inability as soon as practicable, and to place the resignation of his trusteeship in the hands of said authority to be subject to the discretionary action of said authority.

II.

[Journal of 1869, pp. 23, 33.]

Resolved, 1st. That the Rector of each Parish, or in the absence of the Rector, the Senior Warden or other appointed person, be requested to take a collection for Diocesan Missions on the second Sunday in every month: *Provided*, that if from any cause the congregation fail to assemble on the second Sunday, the collection shall be taken on the first Sunday thereafter.

Resolved, 2d. That such collection shall be paid quarterly, in the months of July, October, January and April, to the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

Resolved, 3d. If any deficiency shall arise in the amount to be raised in each Parish on the "ten cent basis," it is recommended that said deficiency shall be made up the last quarter of the year by active measures on the part of the Rector and Vestry, or the persons appointed in the vacant Parishes wherever deficiencies shall occur.

Resolved, 4th. That a printed form of the above resolutions be communicated by the Secretary to the Rector of each Parish, or person appointed, within two weeks after the adjournment of this Convention, and that they be read to the people on the second Sunday of the month.

III.

[Journal of 1869, p. 35.]

Resolved, 1st. That the Diocese of Alabama be divided into five Convocational Districts, with the centres at Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, Demopolis and Huntsville, respectively.

Resolved, 2d. That each organization shall be separate and governed by such officers as they may elect.

Resolved, 3d. That the Bishop of the Diocese be, ex-officio, President of each Convocation, and be invited to attend at least one meeeting in each District each year.

Resolved, 4th. That each Convocation shall make any laws and regulations for its guidance as may not conflict with the laws of the Diocese or the General Church.

IV.

[Journal of 1869, p. 45.]

Resolved, 1st. That the President of this Convention appoint a Standing Committee, to be known and styled, "The Committee on the Church Register," to be composed of five Laymen, one to reside in Huntsville, one in Eufaula, one in Montgomery, one in Selma, and one in Mobile, whose duty it shall be to obtain subscriptions to the above named Church Journal, and procure its wide spread circulation among the people, as far as in their power lies.

Resolved, 2d. That one of the five, to be designated as Chairman, shall make a full report of their work to the ensuing Annual Convention of this Diocese, of all that has been done by them during the year past, in support of this laudable enterprise.

V.

[Journal of 1867, p. 41.]

Whereas, there is reason to believe that no small number of communicants of the Church, residing at a distance from any organized Parish, are unknown to the Church:

Resolved, 1st. That these communicants be requested to report themselves to the nearest Clergyman in charge of a Parish, or to the Missionary most accessible; and that the Bishop publish this request in such a manner as he may deem best.

Resolved, 2d. That such communicants be registered by the nearest Rector or Missionary.

Articles of Association

RECOMMENDED FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW PARISHES.

[Journal of 1868, pp. 37, 38.]

We, whose names are hereunto subscribed, desiring to enjoy the privileges of religious worship and instruction, according to the forms and doctrines of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have this——— day of———, A. D. at———, in the State of Alabama, formed ourselves into a congregation, and adopted the following Articles of Association:

ARTICLE I.—This Association or Congregation shall be known by the name of the Rector, Wardens and Vestry of———Church.

ART. II.—This Association acknowledges, accedes to, and adopts the Constitution, Canons, Doctrines, Discipline, and Worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

ART. III.—When any person uniting with this Association shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the authorities mentioned in the preceding article, he shall cease to be a member of the Association, and shall no longer enjoy the privilege of voting in the election of Vestrymen, of being elected, or of exercising any function concerning or connected with the said Association.

ART. IV.—The Vestrymen of———Church, shall be elected annually, on the Monday in Easter week, by a majority of the voters assembled for that purpose; and if the election shall fail to be effected on Easter Monday, then it shall be had as soon thereafter as may be; notice to that effect having been given publicly to the congregation on the preceding Sunday, or some other convenient occasion previous to the day of election. The Vestrymen so elected shall continue in office for one year, or until others are chosen.

ART. V.—The Rector of———Church shall be elected by the Wardens and Vestrymen in open meeting, which shall be duly convened for that purpose; they having due regard in all such elections to the previously ascertained wishes of the members of the congregation, and especially, of the communicants of the Church.

ART. VI.—No person shall be chosen Rector or Minister or associate Rector or Minister of———Church, or be allowed to exercise any of the functions of the sacred ministry in the same, unless he shall be recognized by the Bishop having charge of this Diocese, or, if there is no Bishop, by the Standing Committee of the same, as an Ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in good standing; Provided, that nothing in this Article shall be construed to prevent the Wardens and Vestry from inviting any regular ordained Minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in good standing, and not known to be discountenanced by the authority aforesaid, to officiate occasionally in the Church; or to interfere with the performance of the usual services by Lay Readers duly appointed to officiate in the Congregation in the absence of the Minister.

ART. VII.—The annual rents, contributions, and other revenues, raised by this Association or Congregation, shall be from time to time applied by the Wardens and Vestry to the maintenance and support of the Rector or Minister, and to such other objects as are connected with the well-being of the Church, and to no other purposes whatever.

ART. VIII.—This Association or the "Rector, Wardens and Vestry of——— Church," or other persons in whose names the property of———Church may be vested, shall not, by deed, or any other means, without the consent of the Bishop having charge of the Diocese, under his hand; or, if there be no such Bishop, of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese, by a majority thereof, under their hands, previously had and obtained, grant, alienate, or otherwise dispose of any lands, messuages, hereditaments, in them vested for the use and benefit of said Church, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person whatsoever.

ART. IX.—In the case of the dissolution or extinction of this Association, for any cause whatever, the lands, tenements and other estates, real or personal, if such there be, shall vest in the Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, or under whose supervision it may for the time be, and his Canonical successors; to be by him and them held in trust for the benefit of a future Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church, which may be formed in the same place or its vicinity, and upon the same principles as the present Church and Association.

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PAROCHIAL REPORT.

.....CHURCH,

.....1871.

COMMUNICANTS—In 1870, ; Added ; Died ; Removed ;

Present Number.....

BAPTIZED PERSONS NOT COMMUNICANTS.....

TOTAL PARISHIONERS.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Teachers ; Scholars ;.....Total

CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY COMMUNION—Public ; Private ; Total

CONFIRMATIONS .....

MARRIAGES .....

FUNERALS .....

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....

	ITEMS	TOTALS
PAROCHIAL EXPENDITURES—		
Salary of Rector.....		
Convention Fund.....		
Current Expenses.....		
Repairs of Church Edifice....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE PARISH—		
Communion Alms.....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE DIOCESE—		
Church Home.....		
Diocesan Missions.....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS BEYOND THE DIOCESE—		
Domestic Missions.....		
Foreign Missions.....		
University of the South.....		
Increase of the Ministry.....		
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.....		
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES,.....		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES,.....		

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" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,..... .....Greensboro.'
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" *GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,.....Tuskaloosa.
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" *B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church.....Tallassee.
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" J. M. ROBERTSON, ...Huntsville.
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" *S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,..Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Evangelist in Central Alabama,.....Talladega.
" W. A. STICKNEY, Missionary in Canebrake.....Faunsdale.
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" J. H. TICKNOR, Emanuel Church,.....Opelika.

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R. L. BLISS,
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*J. A. Mooser,
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*Jno. Walthall,
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Trinity Parish, Mobile—

*C. A. Bradford,
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Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—

L. Pope Walker,
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Rev. R. H. COBBS.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, on the 10th day of May, 1871.

At 10:30 o'clock A. M., Morning Prayer was said by Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. T. L. BANISTER, Rev. DEB. WADDELL, and the Rev. F. R. HANSON; the Litany by the Rev. JNO. FULTON, D. D.; and the Ante-Communion Service by the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D. and Rev. R. H. COBBS.

Sermon by the Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON, from the text

"Rightly dividing the word of truth." [II Timothy, part of 15th v., 2d ch.]

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.

The Bishop called the Convention to order, and presented the following:

LIST OF CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS.

Right Rev. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" T. LEWIS BANISTER,
" S. M. BIRD,
" LOUIS BISSEY,
" JOHNSON C. DAVIS,
" JOHN Y. GHOLSON,
" F. R. HANSON,
" F. B. LEE,
" B. F. MOWER,
" W. J. PERDUE,
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" S. U. SMITH,
" W. A. STICKNEY,
Rev. T. A. COOK,
" R. H. COBBS,
" F. W. DAMUS,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.
" WM. GUILFORD,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
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" J. B. RAMSDELL,
" CHAS. P. RODIFER,
" J. F. SMITH,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR.

DEACONS.

Rev. P. A. FITTS,
" DEB. WADDELL,
Rev. JAS. W. KEEBLE,
" R. W. MICOU.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the roll of Clergy as presented, when the following answered to their names, viz:

Right Rev. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Messrs. T. L. BANISTER,
BIRD,	COBBS,
FULTON, D. D.	GHOLSON,
HANSON,	MASSEY, D. D.
STICKNEY,	J. F. SMITH,
STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.	TICKNOR.

DEACONS.

Rev. Messrs. FITTS, KEEBLE, WADDELL.

Total present, the Bishop, 12 Presbyters, 3 Deacons.

List of Parishes was then called, and the credentials of Lay Deputies laid upon the Secretary's table.

The credentials were referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS, S. M. BIRD, and T. L. BANISTER.

The Committee on Credentials reported through Rev. R. H. COBBS, Chairman, that the following were entitled to seats:

Trinity Parish, Mobile.

C. A. Bradford, W. G. Jones, Rittenhouse Moore.
Harry T. Toulmin, M. E. Macartney.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson, W. J. Hardee,
M. R. Jarvis, Thos. Peters, Jr.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

L. P. Walker, Geo. A. Gordon, Robt. E. Coxe,
J. Withers Clay, Richard W. Walker.

St. James', Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, L. F. Johnston, D. Thornton.

St. Paul's, Greensboro'.

C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries, A. Benners,
C. E. Waller, J. D. Osborn.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Edwin Shield, J. W. Bush, J. M. Langhorne.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

C. T. Pollard, Joel White, F. C. Randolph,
Josiah Morris, Robert Tyler.

St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville.

H. A. Herbert, David Buell, W. J. Milner,
J. D. Porter.

St. John's Parish, Elyton.

H. A. Hale.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion.

J. A. Mooser, Powhatan Lockett, Jno. Walthall,
J. J. Seawell, J. P. L. Reid.

St. Michael's, Marengo Co.

David Minge, W. B. Shepard.

St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen.

P. D. Bowles, John Stearns, Wm. Y. Titcomb.

St. Luke's, Jacksonville.

J. M. Wyly, D. F. Hoke, P. Rowan.

Emanuel Church, Opelika.

S. G. Jones, J. L. Pennington, E. Bowen,
R. C. Jeter.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

W. F. Pierce, P. Bryce, J. H. Fitts,
S. J. Leach, E. N. C. Snow.

Christ Church, Mobile.

Henry Barnewall, H. A. Lowe, H. A. Schroeder,
N. W. Perry, A. H. Tardy.

Their names being called, there were found present of the Lay Deputies,

Messrs. MACARTNEY,	Messrs. BUSH,	Messrs. PIERCE,
WHITE,	BRYCE,	TYLER,
LEACH,	HALE,	DAWSON,
LOCKETT,	NELSON,	TITCOMB,
BARNEWALL,	L. P. WALKER,	LOWE,
R W. WALKER,	TARDY,	GORDON,
OSBORN,	CLAY,	BENNERS,
COXE,	WALLER,	JOHNSTON,
BRAY,	THORNTON,	

Total, 26 Deputies, representing 12 Parishes.

A quorum of both Orders being ascertained to be present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

The election of a Secretary being the first business in order Rev. R. H. COBBS nominated R. M. NELSON, of St. Paul's Church, Selma, who was unanimously elected by acclamation, and who appointed M. E. MACARTNEY, of Mobile, Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON it was

Resolved, That the Rules of Order of the Convention of 1870 be adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Clergymen from other Dioceses and Candidates for Holy Orders present, were invited to seats upon the floor of the Convention.

In accordance with this invitation, the Rev. R. A. COBBS, of the Diocese of Tennessee, appeared and took his seat.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW offered the following:

Resolved, That the Convention meet at 9 A. M., and adjourn at 3 P. M. daily.

Mr. BENNERS moved to amend by striking out all after the words "9 A. M."

The amendment was lost, and the original resolution adopted, and the Convention adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,
May 11th, 1871.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

There were present of the Clergy,

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.
BIRD,
FULTON, D. D.
HANSON,
ROBERTSON,
STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.
TICKNOR,
KEEBLE,

Rev. Messrs. T. L. BANISTER,
COBBS,
GHOLSON,
MASSEY, D. D.
STICKNEY,
SMITH, J. F.
FITTS,
WADDELL.

Total, 16.

And of the Laity,

Messrs. MACARTNEY,
OSBORN,
TITCOMB,
JOHNSTON,
PIERCE,
BARNEWALL,
LOCKETT,
GORDON,

Messrs. BENNERS,
DAWSON,
R. W. WALKER,
THORNTON,
BRYCE,
LOWE,
REED,
COXE.

Messrs. WALLER,
NELSON,
BRAY,
WHITE,
LEACH,
TARDY,
HALE,

Total, 21, representing 10 Parishes.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Bishop then announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Revs. J. A. Massey, D. D., J. M. Banister, D. D., J. H. Ticknor, J. F. Smith, S. M. Bird, DeB. Waddell; Messrs. Henry A. Lowe, Richard W. Walker, Robert Tyler, P. Bryce, Powhatan Lockett, W. Y. Titcomb.

Committee on Canons.—Revs. John Fulton, D. D., Jno. Y. Gholson, P. A. Fitts, Messrs. W. F. Pierce, A. Benners, Geo. A. Gordon.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, Henry Barnewall, M. E. Macartney, R. E. Coxe, Joel White, W. H. Bray, A. H. Tardy, S. J. Leach, J. W. Bush; Rev. Messrs. F. R. Hanson, W. A. Stickney, H. Stringfellow, Jr., D. D.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Revs. R. H. Cobbs, T. L. Banister; Messrs. R. M. Nelson, D. Thornton.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President, read the Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

The Standing Committee was organized on the 6th of June, 1870, by the election of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President, and Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., Secretary.

The Standing Committee recommended, July 4th, 1870, to the Bishop, Mr. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW, to be received as a candidate for Holy Orders.

They have also recommended to the Bishop, Mr. JAMES WALTER KEEBLE and Mr. THOS. G. POND to be ordained Deacons, and Rev. T. LEWIS BANISTER, Deacon, to be advanced to the Priesthood.

Canonical consent has been given to the consecration of Rev. WILLIAMS WOODRUFF NILES to the Episcopate of New Hampshire; also, to the consecration of Rev. WILLIAM PINCKNEY, Assistant Bishop elect of Maryland, and to the election of Rt. Rev. ROBT. HARPER CLARKSON, D. D., Missionary Bishop of Nebraska, to be Diocesan Bishop of Nebraska.

J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Chairman.
JOHN FULTON, D. D.
R. D. NEVIUS, D. D.
W. G. JONES,
JAS. BOND,
F. B. CLARK.
} Committee.

MAY 11th, 1871.

The Bishop then read his Annual Address.
(Vide Appendix A.)

Rev. Dr. FULTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to embody such portions of his Address as he may desire to come before the Parishes, in the form of a Pastoral Letter, and that a number of copies thereof, equal to the number of Communicants in the Diocese, be printed separately from the Journal and distributed to the Rectors of Parishes.

Rev. Mr. HANSON offered an amendment, which was accepted and embodied in the Resolution as above written, and the Resolution was adopted.

Rev. Mr. TICKNOR offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the system of Convocations be referred to a Committee of five, composed of three Clerical and two Lay Deputies.

Rev. Mr. HANSON moved that the entire Address be referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman of Committee on Bishop COBB'S Monument, asked for further time to make report.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, the Rules were suspended as to this Report, and the request was granted.

Rev. Dr. MASSEY, Chairman of Committee on Diocesan Building Fund, reported as follows:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to present to this Convention some plan for the establishment of a Building Fund for the Diocese of Alabama, beg leave to offer as their Report, the following:

Resolved, That a corporation be created by this Convention, to be known as the "Board of Trustees of the Church Building Fund of the Diocese of Alabama," and that the Board as hereinafter constituted, become incorporated as soon as practicable, so as to enable it to carry out the intent of these Resolutions.

2. *Resolved*, That this Board shall consist of Presbyters and Laymen, to be elected annually by the Convention of the Diocese, who, with the Bishop of the Diocese, shall be charged with all the duties appertaining to such a Corporation. In the event of a division of the Diocese, the Bishop of the Dioceses thus created to be Vice Presidents in the order of seniority, and to succeed to the Presidency in the same order. The Board shall have power of filling vacancies in its own body during the recess of the Convention, and shall make annually a report to the Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That the Board shall receive, hold, and lend money to Parishes or others, in aid of the erection of Churches, Parsonages and Schools, or other buildings for Parish purposes, under such regulations as to applications, certificates and guarantees as it shall deem best. It may also receive and hold in trust, land on which said buildings are to be erected, or any other donations and bequests for Church purposes, subject to the direction of the donors of such property in so far as may not conflict with the purposes of this Corporation.

4. *Resolved*, That the Board of Trustees, when elected by this Convention, shall consider and settle upon the most advisable plan of adding yearly to this fund, by regular collections in Parishes or otherwise, and for regulating mode of repayment of loans made from the fund, which plan shall be embodied in the form of a Canon, and submitted to the action of the next Convention.

Rev. Mr. BANISTER moved that the Report of the Committee be received and referred to the Committee on Canons, which motion was adopted.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW read a letter from CHAS. T. POLLARD, Esq., of Montgomery, and offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the request of CHAS. T. POLLARD, Esq., asking "that the "shares of the Montgomery and West Point Railroad Stock donated by him "to the University of the South, and now held by the Treasurer of the Diocese "for the University, be sold, and the proceeds of such sale remitted to the "Treasurer of the University of the South, to be used in the erection of "buildings," be and is hereby referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. BANISTER, Rev. Mr. TICKNOR and Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON.

The Secretary presented the Report of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and moved that it be referred to a Committee of three, which motion was adopted.

And the President appointed as such Committee,

Messrs. L. F. JOHNSTON, C. E. WALLER, H. A. HALE.

Mr. BENNERS, from Committee on "The Act of Incorporation of P. E. Church in the Diocese of Alabama," made a verbal report as to the action of the Committee, announcing that the duties thereof had been performed, and the necessary Act of Incorporation procured.

Mr. GORDON offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Act of the General Assembly passed at its recent session, entitled an Act "to amend an Act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and enable said Church to provide for the Orphans and Widows of Soldiers and other destitute persons," be published in the Journal of this Convention, and that the Act itself be referred to a special Committee, to report to the next Annual Convention.

Rev. Dr. FULTON, from Committee on Canons, reported as follows:

The Committee on Canons of the last Convention, which was instructed to sit during the recess and report to this Convention on "the necessity of the concurrent action of the three orders, Bishop, Clergy and Laity, in order to the validity of legislation in the Diocesan Convention," reports it has been found impossible for the Committee to convene during the recess.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged, and that the same subject be referred to the present Committee on Canons.

Adopted.

The President announced the following Committee on Convocations:

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR,	Rev. F. R. HANSON,	Mr. J. WITHERS CLAY,
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.		Mr. P. BRYCE,

The Convention then proceeded to hear the reading of the Parochial Reports.

(Vide Appendix B.)

On motion of Mr. NELSON, the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

HENRY BARNEWALL, acting Treasurer of the Diocese, under a suspension of the Rules, presented his Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Mr. DAWSON presented his account as Treasurer, and read the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, which was received and referred to a Committee consisting of POWHATAN LOCKETT and J. W. BUSH.

Rev. Mr. STICKNEY offerred a Resolution, which, after some discussion, was withdrawn for amendment.

Rev. Dr. FULTON, Chairman of the Committee on Canons, asked permission for that Committee to sit apart from the House, which was granted.

The House then proceeded to elect by ballot the following as the

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Mr. JAMES BOND,
Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, D. D.	Mr. F. R. CLARK,
Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D.	Mr. W. G. JONES.

Under a suspension of the Rules, Rev. Mr. HANSON offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Sixth Article of the Constitution be so amended as to admit of the appointment by the Convention of a permanent Secretary, who shall continue in office until he resign, or is released from office by the Convention.

On motion of Mr. BENNERS, the Resolution was referred to the Committee on Canons.

Rev. Mr. STICKNEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the President appoint two Presbyters to collate from the Bishop's Pastoral, under his direction, his various suggestions on securing uniformity and greater reverence in conducting public services, into a succinct form, for convenient reference, and that 5,000 copies of the same be immediately printed by the Secretary, for distribution throughout the Parishes and the Diocese.

Mr. LOCKETT moved to refer the Resolution to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The motion to refer was lost.

The Rev. Mr. STICKNEY'S Resolution was then adopted, and he with Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, appointed the Committee, and the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,
May 12th, 1871.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

There were present of the Clergy,

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Mr. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. Mr. T. L. BANISTER,	Rev. Mr. BIRD,
COBBS,	FULTON, D. D,	GHOLSON,
HANSON,	MASSEY, D. D.	STICKNEY,
STRINGFELLOW, D. D.	TICKNOR,	FITTS,
KEEBLE,	WADDELL.	

Total, 15.

Messrs. MACARTNEY,	Messrs. BENNERS,	Messrs, OSBORN,
TITCOMB,	DAWSON,	GORDON,
NELSON,	COXE,	CLAY,
TYLER,	WALKER,	PIERCE,
BUSH,	BRYCE,	WHITE,
LEACH,	BARNEWALL,	TARDY,
LOWE,	LOCKETT,	HALE.

Total, 21, representing 10 Parishes.

Minutes of the 11th inst. read and approved.

The President announced that Messrs. A. BENNERS, W. P. BOCOCK, and R. B. WALLER should continue as Committee on the Act of Incorporation of the Diocese of Alabama.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of Deputies to the General Convention.

Rev. P. A. FITTS and HENRY BARNEWALL were appointed tellers.

At the request of Rev. Messrs. TICKNOR, BIRD and STRINGFELLOW, the vote by Orders was called for.

On the first ballot, these were declared elected:

CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON,
Mr. GEO. A. GORDON,
Mr. A. BENNERS,
Mr. JOEL WHITE.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for one Clerical Deputy, resulting on the third ballot in the election of Rev. F. R. HANSON.

The Convention then proceeded to elect Alternate Deputies to the General Convention. On the first ballot there were declared elected as

ALTERNATE CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

Rev. Messrs. S. M. BIRD,
R. H. COBBS,
Rev. Messrs. J. H. TICKNOR,
J. Y. GHOLSON.

ALTERNATE LAY DEPUTIES.

Messrs. R. M. NELSON,
R. W. WALKER,
Messrs. H. A. SCHROEDER,
P. BRYCE.

Committee on Canons, through Rev. Dr. FULTON, Chairman, reported as follows:

The Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the proposition to establish a corporation to be known as the "Board of Trustees of the Church Building Fund," beg respectfully to report:

1. That for the purposes contemplated there exists already a corporation invested with all the power required or desired, and that for the collection of moneys, or canvassing for donations of lands or the like, a Committee appointed by the Bishop would be as efficient as a more formal organization. They therefore recommend that a Committee of three be appointed by the President, to sit and act during the recess, as a Church Building Committee, for the purposes contemplated in the Resolutions referred to the Committee on Canons.

2. On the Resolution of the Rev. Mr. HANSON, that the Constitution be so amended as to make the Secretary a permanent officer of the Convention, the Committee beg to report—

That they deem it inexpedient to make the change proposed, and recommend that the subject be dismissed from further consideration.

JOHN FULTON, Chairman.

On motion, the report was received and concurred in. Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., JOSEPH W. FIELD and C. A. BRADFORD were appointed the Diocesan Building Committee.

Committee on Finance, through N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman, reported as follows:

(Vide Appendix C.)

The Report was received, and on motion, concurred in.

Mr. LOCKETT, from special Committee on Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and of the Treasurer thereof, made the following report, which was received and concurred in:

Your Committee, to whom were referred the accounts of the Treasurer and the report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and find them all correct and satisfactory. They also recommend that the Act incorporating the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be published in the Journal of this Convention.

POWHATAN LOCKETT,
J. W. BUSH.

May 11th, 1871.

For these and the Act incorporating the Bishop's Fund, (Vide Appendix D.)

The following Report, by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, was received:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to secure subscriptions to the erection of a Monument to the memory of Bishop COBBS, beg leave to report the following amounts as the result of their labors:

Rev. J. M. Mitchell,	$ 10 00	Brought forward,	$ 159 50
St. James', Livingston,	15 00	B. B. Pierce,	5 00
Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D.	5 00	Church of the Holy Cross,	158 00
Rev. T. J. Beard,	8 50	St. Michael's, Marengo Co.	122 50
Lady at Florence,	5 00	Trinity, Demopolis,	80 00
Rev. J. F. Smith,	18 00	St. Andrew's, Macon,	80 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika,	25 00	St. Paul's, Greensboro',	100 00
J. Ellerbe, St. David's,	50 00	St. Paul's, Selma,	100 00
St. Mark's Parish,	13 00	St. John's, Montgomery,	1,000 00
Church at Pushmataha,	10 00	St. Thomas', Greenville,	25 00
		St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	20 00
Carried forward,	$ 159 50		
Total,			$1,800 00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., Chairman.

Mr. DAWSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee appointed by the last Convention upon the Monument to the memory of the late Right Rev. N. H. COBBS, be continued, with instructions to proceed with the Monument contemplated as soon as the sum of $2,000 00 shall be raised, and that they report at the next Convention.

The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. DAWSON offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be, and he is hereby authorized to draw his certified draft upon the Treasurer for Forty Dollars, to defray the expenses incidental to his office for the Convention year commencing May 10, 1871.

Mr. JOHNSTON made the following report, which was received and concurred in:

We, the Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund of Alabama, respectfully report, that we have examined the same, and find it correct.

L. F. JOHNSTON,
H. A. HALE,
C. R. WALLER.

(Vide Appendix E.)

On motion of Mr. OSBORN it was

Resolved, That the Rev. R. H. COBBS be added to the Committee under the Resolution of the Rev. W. A STICKNEY in regard to collecting into a succinct form, for convenient reference, so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to uniformity of Services in this Diocese.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, That in the case of the inability of any one or more of the Deputies to attend the General Convention, that the Alternate Deputies, in the order of their election, shall be entitled to the vacant seats, as follows:

ALTERNATE CLERICAL DEPUTIES.

1.—Rev. R. H. COBBS,
2.—Rev. S. M. BIRD,
3.—Rev. J. Y. GHOLSON,
4.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

ALTERNATE LAY DEPUTIES.

1.—R. W. WALKER,
2.—R. M. NELSON,
3.—H. A. SCHROEDER,
4.—P. BRYCE.

The Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW tendered the resignation of Mr. CHAS. T. POLLARD, as a Trustee of the University of the South, which was accepted. Mr. BENJAMIN H. MICOU was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Report of Mr. M. E. MACARTNEY, Registrar of the Diocese, was read, and on motion, ordered filed and published.

(Vide Appendix F.)

The Rev. Mr. TICKNOR made a report from the Committee on Convocations, which was received and referred to the Committee on Canons.

Rev. Dr. FULTON moved that the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW be added to the Committee on Canons, which was not agreed to.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of DIOCESAN OFFICERS, with the following result:

THOS. B. ROY, of Selma, Treasurer.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

Rev. J. A. MASBRY, D. D. Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. F. R. LEE.

ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Rev. S. M. BIRD, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL and Mr. WM. BARNEWALL, Jr., for the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of Treasurer of the Diocese.

The following were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:

A. G. MABRY, Sr. GEO. O. BAKER, N. H. R. DAWSON.

N. H. R. DAWSON was elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

A. R. BELL was elected Treasurer for Alabama of the University of the South.

Mr. DAWSON read the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred the letter of CHAS. T. POLLARD, in regard to the sale of the stock in the Montgomery and West Point Railroad, donated by him to the University of the South, beg leave to report, that they have been unable to obtain access to the terms upon which the donation was originally made, but they approve the suggestions of Mr. POLLARD, and recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer for Alabama, of the University of the South be, and he is hereby authorized to sell the fifty-five shares of the Capital Stock of the Montgomery and West Point Railroad Company, donated by CHAS. T. POLLARD, and pay over the proceeds of the same to the General Treasurer of the University of the South, to be used as the Board of Trustees may deem best for that Institution.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
J. H. TICKNOR,
Committee.

The Report was received and the Resolution adopted.

On motion of Rev. Mr. BIRD, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered the Congregation of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, for the earnest welcome, and generous hospitality extended to the members of this Body.

Mr. LOCKETT offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due, and are hereby tendered to the various Railroads and Steamboat Companies for liberal courtesies shown by them to the members of this Body.

On motion of Mr. PIERCE, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama shall be held in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, on the 2d Wednesday in May next.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON, from the Committee on Canons, made a report upon the Report of the Committee on Convocations, as follows, viz:

The Committee on Canons report that they believe a Canonical distribution of Convocations to be at this time inexpedient, and on account of the limited time left to consider the subject, they advise that it be for the present dismissed from further consideration, and referred back to the orignal Committee, with instructions to report to the next Convention.

JNO. FULTON, Chairman.

The Report was received and concurred in.

(For Report of Committee on Convocations, vide Appendix G.)

On motion of Rev. Mr. GHOLSON, it was

Resolved, That the subject of the qualifications of voters in the Parishes of the Diocese be referred to the Committeee on Canons, and that if, in their judgment expedient, the alteration or ameudment of § 4, Canon VII, Title I, be reported on by said Committee at the next Convention, and that the present Committee on Canons be authorized to sit during the recess.

Rev. Mr. BANISTER gave notice that he would offer a Resolution to amend the Constitution, so as to allow Deacons to vote in the Convention.

And the Convention adjourned until 11½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,
May 13th, 1871.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

There were present of the Clergy,

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. BANISTER, D. D.
T. L. BANISTER,
BIRD,
COBBS,
FULTON, D. D.
FITTS,
KEEBLE,
GHOLSON,
HANSON,
MASSEY, D. D.
STICKNEY,
STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.
TICKNOR,
WADDELL.

Total, 15.

Messrs. MACARTNEY,
BUSH,
DAWSON,
PIERCE,
GORDON,
BARNEWALL,
LOCKETT,
WALLER,
OSBORN,
TYLER,
TITCOMB,
LEACH,
CLAY,
TARDY,
BENNERS,
WHITE,
NELSON,
BRYCE,
COXE,
LOWE,
HALE.

Total, 21, representing 10 Parishes.

The minutes of the 12th inst. were read and approved.

A report from the Committee on the State of the Church was received, as follows:

The Committee on the State of the Church report, that having carefully considered the Annual Address of the Bishop, and the Parochial Reports placed in their hands, they find gratifying evidence of vigor and growth in the Diocese. The Reports are very defective, owing principally, they suppose, to an unfortunate "Form of Report" sent to the various Ministers. They do not show a large numerical increase by baptism, confirmations and additions to the communion list; but in the amount of work done, in the extension of the Church to new points, and in the larger amount of contributions to benevolent purposes—perhaps larger than ever before in one year—your Committee think there is cause for devout thankfulness and great encouragement.

The number of Confirmations during the year was 292, and the additions to the Holy Communion, as reported, although not all the Parishes have been heard from, are 190, showing a total of 2,824 Communicants.

And the Committee feel satisfied that the Church is growing in strength, and that her Ritual is daily more fully understood and appreciated.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, it was

Resolved, That in case of the inability of a Deputy elected to the General Convention to attend, timely notice shall be given to the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. TICKNOR, it was

Resolved, That a Committee, composed of two Clergymen, be appointed to act with the Bishop during the recess in setting forth a suitable form of Parochial Reports, and that the Clergy be required to use the same in making their next Report.

The President appointed Rev. Drs. FULTON and NEVIUS under this Resolution.

The following Report from the Committee on Unfinished Business was received:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report for the action of this Convention, a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, referred to the Committee by the Bishop, to be presented to this Convention.

They further report that they find no unfinished business on the Journal of the last Diocesan Convention.

T. L. BANISTER, acting Chairman.

The Convention then proceeded to consider the following communication of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the P. E. Church in the U. S. of A., viz:

To the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese of Alabama.

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of § III., of Canon 1, of Title III., of the Digest, I would hereby give particular notice that the following alteration of the Constitution of the Church is proposed, to wit, that comprised in the resolution subjoined, said resolution having been adopted by a constitutional majority of both Houses of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in October, A. D. 1868:

Resolved, That the alteration of the Constitution recommended in the following Resolution be proposed, and that the same be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, in pursuance of Article 9 of the Constitution, viz.:

Resolved, That Article 5 of the Constitution be amended so as to read as following, viz.:

A Protestant Episcopal Church in any of the United States, or any territory thereof, not now represented, may at any time hereafter be admitted on acceding to this Constitution; and a new Diocese, to be formed from one or more existing Dioceses, may be admitted under the following restrictions, viz:

No new Dioceses shall be formed or erected within the limits of any other Diocese, nor shall any Diocese be formed by the junction of two or more Dioceses, or parts of Dioceses, unless with the consent of the Bishop and Convention of each of the Dioceses concerned, as well as of the General Convention, and such consent shall not be given by the General Convention until it has satisfactory assurance of a suitable provision for the support of the Episcopate in the contemplated new Diocese.

No such new Diocese shall be formed which shall contain less than six Parishes, or less than six Presbyters who have been for at least one year canonically resident within the bounds of such new Diocese, regularly settled in

a Parish or Congregation, and qualified to vote for a Bishop. Nor shall such new Diocese be formed if thereby any existing Diocese shall be so reduced as to contain less than twelve Parishes, or less than twelve Presbyters who have been residing therein and settled and qualified as above mentioned; provided that no city shall form more than one Diocese.

In case one Diocese shall be divided into two or more Dioceses, the Diocesan of the Diocese divided may elect the one to which he will be attached, and shall thereupon become the Diocesan thereof, and the Assistant Bishop, if there be one, may elect the one to which he will be attached; and if it be not the one elected by the Bishop he shall be the Diocesan thereof.

Whenever the division of a Diocese into two or more Dioceses shall be ratified by the General Convention, each of the Dioceses shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either Diocese by the Convention thereof. And whenever a Diocese shall be formed out of two or more existing Dioceses, the new Diocese shall be subject to the Constitution and Canons of that one of the said existing Dioceses to which the greater number of Clergymen shall have belonged prior to the erection of such new Diocese, until the same may be altered by the Convention of the new Diocese.

And also that the changes in "A Table of the Days on which Easter will fall for Thirty-eight years," proposed in the following resolutions adopted by both Houses of the said General Convention, are submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to wit:

***Resolved*, That the accompanying additional Cycle be made known to the Convention of every Diocese, agreeably to the eighth Article of the Constitution.**

***Resolved*, That an additional Cycle completing the present century be inserted in the Table for finding Easter; and that the Cycle from 1843 to 1861 inclusive, which has already expired, be hereafter omitted.**

Years of Our Lord.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Sunday Letters.	Easter Day.	Years of Our Lord.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Sunday Letters.	Easter Day.
1881	1	0	B	April 17	1891	11	20	D	March 29
1882	2	11	A	" 9	1892	12	1	C B	April 17
1883	3	22	G	March 25	1893	13	12	A	" 2
1884	4	3	F E	April 13	1894	14	23	G	March 25
1885	5	14	D	" 5	1895	15	4	F	April 14
1886	6	25	C	" 25	1896	16	15	E D	" 5
1887	7	6	B	" 10	1897	17	26	C	" 18
1888	8	17	A G	" 1	1898	18	7	B	" 10
1889	9	28	F	" 21	1899	19	18	A	" 2
1890	10	9	E	" 6					

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name.

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,

Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GENEVA, N. Y., May 1, 1870.

After the reading of the Constitutional Amendment proposed, the Rev. Mr. BIRD offered the following Resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the measure proposed be adopted, but this Convention gives as its opinion, that the clause involving Episcopal support is subordinate to, and insignificant, contrasted with the great and important change contemplated.

In case of the ratification of this Article, our Deputies in General Convention are instructed to move an amendment of the Article adopted, so as to strike out that portion of the Article referring to the suitable support of the Episcopate.

Rev. Mr. GHOLSON moved to lay the Resolution on the table.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON and Rev. Mr. BIRD calling for the vote on the motion by Orders and Parishes, the following was the result:

OF THE CLERGY.

AYES.—Rev. T. L. Banister, Rev. J. Y. Gholson, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. Dr. Stringfellow, Jr., Rev. J. H. Ticknor. 6 ayes.

NAYS.—Rev. S. M. Bird, Rev. Jno. Fulton, D. D. 2 nays.

OF THE PARISHES.

AYES.—Trinity Parish, Mobile; Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; St. John's Parish, Montgomery. 3 ayes.

NAYS.—St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; St. John's Parish, Elyton; Christ Church, Mobile. 4 nays.

And the motion to lay on the table was lost.

The question on Rev. Mr. BIRD'S Resolution was called.

Mr. BENNERS moved a division of the Resolution, which was agreed to.

The question arising on the 1st section, "that the measure proposed be adopted," was, on a call by Orders and Parishes, defeated by the following vote:

CLERGY.

AYES.—Rev. T. L. Banister, Rev. Jno. Fulton, D. D., Rev. S. M. Bird. 3 ayes.

NAYS.—Rev. J. Y. Gholson, Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. H. Ticknor. 6 nays.

PARISHES.

AYES.—St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; Christ Church, Mobile; St. John's Church, Elyton. 4 ayes.

NAYS.—Trinity Church, Mobile; Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; St. John's Parish, Montgomery. 3 nays.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON moved the following as an amendment to the second clause, viz:

Resolved, That this Convention has refused to ratify the proposed amendment, not because it disapproves or does not desire increased facilities for the increase of the Episcopate; but because of the restriction imposed on the admission of new Dioceses until such a provision for the Bishop has been made as shall be satisfactory to the General Convention.

The vote was demanded by Orders and Parishes, with the following result:

CLERGY.

AYES.—Rev. S. M. Bird, Rev. J. Y. Gholson, Rev. Jno. Fulton, D. D., Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J .F. Smith, Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. H. Ticknor. 8 ayes.

NAY.—Rev. T. L. Banister. 1 nay.

PARISHES.

AYES.—St. Paul's Parish, Selma; Church of the Nativity, Huntsville; St. John's Parish, Montgomery; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; Christ Church, Mobile; St. John's Church, Elyton. 6 ayes.

NAY.—St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'. 1 nay.

A majority of both Orders having voted aye, the Resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON, from the Committee on Canons, reported that he had prepared a Report on the subject of the necessity of the concurrence of the three Orders, in order to the validity of legislation in this Convention, but that no formal meeting of the Committee had been held at which the Report could be passed upon.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, the Report referred to was ordered to be published in the Appendix of the Journal.

(Vide Appendix H.)

And the Convention adjourned to 6 o'clock, P. M.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,
May 13th, 1871.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICHARD HOOKER WILMER,
President.

Attest:

RICHARD M. NELSON, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

In the good Providence of God, we are met once again to take counsel together in reference to the welfare of the Church in this Diocese. I present to you this report of my official acts since last Convention, viz:

May 11th, 1870.—I attended the opening services of the Convention, which assembled at St. John's Church, Montgomery; and, after a sermon by the Rev. R. H. Cobbs, I celebrated Holy Communion. This and the three succeeding days were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention, and upon the religious services connected therewith—at which latter I made several addresses. The public services of the Sanctuary were marked by an unusual degree of interest upon the part of the congregation. Many persons were in attendance from the neighboring Parishes, and joined with heartiness in the daily worship. I look forward with great interest to the time when our people shall take a still deeper interest in these annual gatherings of the Clergy and Laity at our Conventions.

May 15th.—(4th Sunday after Easter)—I preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and, by request of the Vestry, instituted the Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Jr., Rector of the Parish. It gratifies me very much to notice the increasing desire on the part of Vestries and congregations for the formal institution of their Rectors. It gives promise of greater permanency in the pastoral relation, and affords an opportunity for impressing upon Clergy and people the nature and importance of the bond which unites them.

In the afternoon of the same day I participated in the Childrens' Festival,—a repetition of the Easter services not long past.

At evening service, a Missionary Meeting was held. Addresses were delivered by several of the Clergy upon matters connected with the enlargement of missionary effort and the growth of the Church. The closing part of this, our last meeting at Convention, was to me peculiarly interesting. My dearly beloved Clergy had united in procuring a Pastoral Staff, which was presented by them in a body gathered round the Chancel. They presented it to me —so said the Reverend Brother, who spoke for the whole body—as a mark of

their high regard and affection. Surely, no Bishop had ever greater reason to thank GOD for his Clergy than I have. If I have in any degree fulfilled their just expectations in calling me to minister unto them, it is in great part due to the fact that they have always upheld my administration and cheered me with their kind words, and, if possible, kinder deeds. I ask their constant prayers that the Staff which I bear at their request may ever in my hands represent a just, benignant and paternal administration. During the Convention week I also received an Episcopal Ring from the congregation of St. John's, Montgomery, at the hands of their Rector.

Whilst making these acknowledgments, I should not fail gratefully to mention that the good ladies of Christ Church, Mobile, presented me with a suit of Episcopal Robes and a private Communion Service, procured at Oxford, England, through the kind instrumentality of the Reverend Rector of the Church.

Surely, such manifestations of good will should not only excite my warmest gratitude, but stimulate me to greater zeal in exercising the functions of a Bishop's office in preaching and administration. May GOD reward them all a hundred fold.

May 22d.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—I participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

May 29th.—Sunday after Ascension Day)—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

June 1st.—I preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

June 5th.—(Whitsun-Day)—I preached at same Church; confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon preached at Faunsdale Chapel to the colored people.

June 6th.—(Monday in Whitsun week)—I preached at Dayton, and confirmed 1 person.

June 8th.—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas County, and confirmed 3 persons.

On the evening of the same day, at Orrville, Dallas County, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BIRD, I confirmed 6 persons, and addressed the candidates. Perhaps this is the only service ever performed in that village by a Bishop of the Church.

June 9th.—I failed to reach an extra appointment at Uniontown, because of my having unexpectedly to go out of my route to hold Confirmation at Orrville; but my place was kindly supplied by one of the brethren, who came to meet me there, and I arrived in time to exchange salutations with the congregation at the close of the services, and to give them some words of greeting and good cheer. The Church had been very recently painted and repaired, and the people looked happier, as they always will, because fitting honor had been paid to their FATHER'S House.

June 10th.—I preached at St. Andrew's, Macon.

June 11th.—(St. Barnabas)—I preached again at same Church, and confirmed 4 persons.

June 12th.—(Trinity Sunday)—I preached at Demopolis, in the new Church, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service I preached again. On Monday, 13th, I preached again in same Church, and confirmed 3 persons. At

the request of the Rector, I baptized an infant. The new Church building in which I officiated was not quite ready for Consecration at the time of my visitation, but was sufficiently completed to enable us to hold our services within its walls; and it was with grateful hearts that we bowed ourselves to worship in this house, which has risen so beautifully from the ashes of the old Sanctuary. It is worthy of note that our people, with diminished means, expend more in beautifying the Sanctuary and in sustaining the Ministry than they did in their days of greatest prosperity.

June 15th.—I preached at St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, and confirmed 2 persons.

June 17th.—Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, morning and evening, and confirmed 2 persons.

June 19th.—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—I preached at Gainesville; baptizing 3 children and celebrating Holy Communion. In the evening I preached again, and confirmed 2 persons. Since that time I have heard of the decease of Mrs. Judge REAVIS—one of those saintly ones, whose teaching and example were instrumental in keeping alive a spirit of devotion to the Church long after all other appliances had been withdrawn. The name of this admirable Church woman will long be remembered by all who were privileged to be numbered among her friends.

June 21st.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, morning and evening; baptizing 2 adults; confirming 3 persons; and celebrating Holy Communion.

June 23d.—Preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha.

June 24th.—Preached again at same Church; confirming 1 person and celebrating Holy Communion. In the afternoon I baptized 3 children.

June 29th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

July 3d.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and ordained JAMES WALTER KEEBLE to the Diaconate; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY. The Rev. Mr. KEEBLE was assigned to duty at Whistler, near Mobile.

July 10th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Augustine's Chapel, University of the South, and, at the request of the Bishop of Tennessee, confirmed 10 persons—residents of Alabama—5 of whom were students of the University. The Bishops of Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee were present at the service, and confirmed classes from their respective Dioceses.

July 13th.—Preached again at same Church, and confirmed 4 students; 2 of whom were from the Diocese of Alabama.

July 17th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached again at the University Chapel (St. Augustine's.)

I spent two weeks upon the Sewanee Mountain in attendance upon the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees and upon the "Committee on Organization" appointed by the Board. It afforded me much gratification to be present at this meeting, and to testify in this way the interest which the Diocese of Alabama has always felt in the prosperity of this University. Although I had never been able before to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees on the Mountain, I had ever looked forward with hopefulness to the time when—our

local and Diocesan Institutions having been provided for—our Southern Dioceses might feel free to enter more thoroughly and unitedly upon an enterprise which demands our collective wisdom, energy and resources. I think that the time has now come. The institution has emerged from its condition of a primary school—has assumed the condition of an University, and needs only careful development to insure its ultimate success. Surely, when we consider the vast area from which its students and resources are to be drawn, and the great ends which were contemplated by its founders, and are still held in view by its builders, it needs nothing but steady, united, intelligent and persistent effort on all hands to bring to fulfillment and completeness the desire of so many hearts and the labor of so many hands.

July 31st.—(7th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile. In the evening preached at Whistler and confirmed 14 persons, (one of them, a sick person, in private,) celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

August.—During this month I supplied the place of the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, at Trinity Church, Mobile. I also baptized an infant at Spring Hill—confirmed a sick person in private (candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS,) and officiated at one funeral.

Sept. 4th.—(12th Sunday after Trinity)—Attended Divine Service at St. Augustine's Chapel, University of the South.

During the month of September and the first part of October I sojourned at the University, officiating repeatedly, as opportunity was afforded.

Oct. 10th.—At the University of the South, in the presence of Rev. Professors F. A. JUNY and F. A. SHOUP, I admitted the Rev. LOUIS BISSEY—late a Priest of the Roman Communion—to the exercise of the Ministry in this Church; he having made the Declaration of Conformity, and fulfilled all the conditions required by the Canons of the Church in such cases made and provided.

Oct. 16th.—(18th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

Oct. 23d.—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in same Church, morning and evening.

Oct. 30th.—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in same Church.

Nov. 6th.—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached in same Church, morning and evening; at latter service confirming 6 persons.

Nov. 13th.—(22d Sunday after Trinity)—Held service at Meridian, Miss.

Nov. 18th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

Nov. 27th.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; in the afternoon preached at St. Mary's Summerville.

Nov. 30th.—In St. John's Church, Mobile, confirmed 1 person; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS.

Dec. 4th.—(2d Sunday in Advent)—Preached in St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and celebrated Holy Communion; at evening service preached again in same Church.

Dec. 6th.—Preached at Talladega, and confirmed 8 persons. At evening service preached again, and confirmed 5 persons.

Dec. 8th.—Preached at Montevallo, and confirmed 1 person; candidate presented by the Rev. Mr. BIRD.

Dec. 11th.—(3d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Elyton, and confirmed 4 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

Dec. 18th.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile; celebrating Holy Communion, and confirming 5 persons.

Dec. 25th.—(Christmas Day)—Preached in St. Mary's, Summerville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Jan. 1st, 1871.—(Circumcision and 1st Sunday after Christmas)—Attended Divine service at Christ Church, Mobile, and, after a sermon by the Rector, addressed the congregation and celebrated Holy Communion.

Jan. 8th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached in Trinity Church, Mobile.

Jan. 11th.—Held service in St. John's Church, Mobile, and admitted a member to the sisterhood; celebrating, also, Holy Communion.

Jan. 15th.—(2d Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached in St. John's Church, Mobile.

Jan. 15th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

Jan. 22d.—(3d Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached in Christ Church, Mobile, and, at the request of the Rector, (Rev. Dr. FULTON,) I baptized 2 infants.

Jan. 26th.—Visited New Orleans, and spent a week there engaged in matters pertaining to the interests of the University of the South.

Jan. 29th.—(4th Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at Trinity Church, New Orleans.

Feb. 5th.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at Whistler, and celebrated Holy Communion; at evening service preached again, and baptized 3 children.

Feb. 12th—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached in St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

Feb. 18th.—Consecrated the new Church at Whistler, under the name of "St. Paul's Church;" sermon by the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, to whose labors mainly we owe it that we have a Church at that point. At the same service, I confirmed 4 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. In the afternoon of same day I confirmed 1 person in Trinity Church; candidate presented by the Rector.

Feb. 19th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached in Christ Church, Mobile.

Feb. 21st.—Preached at Opelika.

Feb. 22d.—(Ash Wednesday)—Preached again at Opelika, and confirmed 7 persons.

Feb. 23d.—Preached in Trinity Church, Columbus, Ga.

Feb. 24th.—Preached at Seal's Station; baptizing 2 children and celebrating Holy Communion. In the evening, preached again, and confirmed 2 persons.

Feb. 26th.—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached in St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening; confirming at the latter service 12 persons. Next day, preached again and celebrated Holy Communion. This Church has been much enlarged and improved since my last report. I look confidently for a new Church to be built here at no distant day.

Feb. 28th.—Preached at Clayton.

We have no Church building at this point—the County seat of Barbour; but, through the active instrumentality of one of our members, sufficient means have been raised to commence the building, and I have good hopes of being able to consecrate it at my next visitation. We have only some two or three communicants at Clayton, but it seems that great faith has prompted to great exertions, and the new Church at Clayton, when completed, will stand as one, among the many, monuments to the praise of Faith on the part of faithful women.

March 1st.—I visited Union Springs, and called upon all the families belonging to the Church in that village. Some years ago there was quite a number of Church people at this point, and there was a goodly prospect of erecting a Church, but at the time of my visitation, I found very few remaining, and those few by no means certain of continuing their residence for any length of time.

March 3d.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and confirmed 5 persons; baptizing, also, 1 infant.

March 5th.—(2d Suuday in Lent)—Held service at Greenville, and ordained to the Priesthood, Rev. T. Lewis Banister; celebrating Holy Communion. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. H. Ticknor; and the candidate was presented by the Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., who, together with the Rev. B. F. Mower, joined in the imposition of hands.

In the afternoon I addressed the children of the congregation, and, at evening service, preached and confirmed 16 persons.

March 6th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev Mr. Banister.

March 7th.—Preached at Evergreen.

March 8th.—Preached morning and evening at same place, and confirmed 7 persons.

March 26th.—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Pauls' Church, Greensboro'; confirmed 6 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 27th.—Preached at same Church, and confirmed 4 persons.

March 28th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's, Marion; confirming 3 persons and celebrating Holy Communion. At afternoon service I baptized 3 infants. The Church building here has been greatly enlarged and beautified.

March 31st.—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and confirmed 2 persons.

April 2d.—(Sunday next before Easter)—Preached in the House of Worship at Selma, and confirmed 13 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. After morning service, confirmed a sick person in private. In the afternoon, I addressed the children of the congregation. At night preached again in same Church.

April 4th.—(Tuesday before Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville and confirmed 2 persons.

April 5th.—(Wednesday before Easter)—Preached at County Line, and confirmed 2 persons. At night, preached again at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 2 persons.

April 6th.—(Thursday before Easter)—Preached again at Selma, and confirmed 5 persons, making in all 19 persons confirmed from this congregation.

April 7th.—(Good Friday)—Preached at St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville; baptizing 3 children; confirming 3 persons; and celebrating Holy Communion. After morning service I confirmed 2 persons at a private house. In the afternoon of same day I baptized 2 children. At night I preached again in St. Matthew's Church.

April 8th.—(Easter Even)—I preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed 31 persons.

April 9th.—(Easter Sunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, I participated in the children's Easter Festival, and received their Easter Offering in behalf of the "Bishop Cobbs Orphan's Home." This offering amounted to $1,300, and was presented with glad hearts and bright faces.

April 13th.—At Mississippi City I married a couple.

April 16th.—(First Sunday after Easter)—I preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and confirmed 5 persons. I also baptized an infant.

April 23d.—(Second Sunday after Easter)—I preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 15 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. This number of confirmed added to that before stated gives 22 as the number confirmed from this Parish since my last report.

April 30th.—(Third Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 17 persons; celebrating, also, Holy Communion. At evening service of same day, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. MILBURN, I confirmed 23 persons in Trinity Church, Mobile. This number added to the two previously confirmed from the same Parish, gives 25 as the number confirmed since my last annual report.

May 7th.—(4th Sunday after Easter)—By appointment I should have officiated at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, on this day, but I found it impossible to reach that place because of the high water, which had submerged the whole surrounding country, and was compelled to defer my visitation until after the meeting of the Convention.

May 9th.—At the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. BIRD, I confirmed 11 persons, giving 17 as the number confirmed in this Parish since last report.

SUMMARY.

The following is a Summary of my official labors since my last Annual Report, viz:

Churches Consecrated	1
Deacons Ordained	1
Priests Ordained	1
Lay Readers Licensed	7
Clergy Instituted	1
Baptisms, viz: Adults 2; Infants 25—Total	27
Marriages	3
Funerals	1
Confirmations	292
Candidates for Holy Orders received	2

General Summary of Reports to the Conventions of 1869, 1870, 1871.

	1869.	1870.	1871.	TOTAL.
Clergy Instituted	....	1....	1....	2
Deacons Ordained	2....	3....	1....	6
Priests Ordained	....	2....	1....	3
Candidates for Orders received	4....	4....	2....	10
Churches Consecrated	1....	....	1....	2
Lay Readers Licensed	7....	....	7....	14
Confirmations	286....	482....	292....	1060

I have given my canonical consent to the consecration of Rev. Dr. NILES to the Episcopate of New Hampshire; and to the consecration of Rev. Dr. PINKNEY as Assistant Bishop of Maryland. I have also given my consent to the election of the Rt. Rev. Dr. CLARKSON to the Episcopate of Nebraska.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese of Alabama, by "Letters Dimissory," the Rev. R. W. MICOU (Deacon) from the Diocese of Mississippi; and the Rev. CHAS. P. RODIFER from the Diocese of Virginia.

I have also transferred the Rev. T. J. BEARD, by "Letters Dimissory," to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Missionary jurisdiction of Arkansas and the Indian Territory; and the Rev. J. C. WADDILL to the Ecclesiastical Authority of Texas. As yet I have received no official notice of the acceptance of said "Letters Dimissory," and must, therefore, still report the Reverend Brethren upon the list of the Clergy of this Diocese, until I shall have received formal notice of acceptance on the part of the Ecclesiastical Authorities of the said Episcopal jurisdictions.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received canonical notice of the deposition from the sacred Ministry of the following named persons, viz: of deposition of A. MCELROY WYLIE and WM. D. HARLOW, by the Bishop of Long Island; of deposition of EDW. B. ALLEN, by the Bishop of Massachusetts; of deposition of ROWLAND H.

Bourne and John Cromlish, by the Bishop of New York; of deposition of Faber Byllesby, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania; of deposition of Oscar B. Thayer, by the Bishop of Illinois; of deposition of Frank R. Girard, by the Bishop of Wisconsin; and deposition of Ilas F. Roberts, by the Bishop of Oregon and Washington Territory.

Since my last report Dr. J. F. Knight, a Candidate for Holy Orders, residing in Marion, has departed this life. Dr. Knight was an earnest and devoted member of the Church, and, as a Vestryman, Lay Reader and Sunday School Superintendent, did good service. The whole community bewails his loss, and the dear little flock of children of St. Wilfrid's especially mourn for their beloved shepherd.

In reviewing the past year, whilst we cannot reckon up the same number of persons confirmed, we find abundant cause for gratitude and encouragement. I would particularly notice the marked observance of the Holy Seasons of the Church, as an indication of growing devotion on the part of both Clergy and Laity. I have learned with great satisfaction, from all quarters, of the unusually large attendance of persons at the weekly services of the Sanctuary, especially during the Lenten Season, and my observation has uniformly been, that there is perhaps no better test of the devoutness of a congregation than its continued attendance upon the daily services of the Sanctuary.

There are some matters of interest to which I beg leave to call your attention, and some which, I trust, will occupy your early deliberations.

MISSIONS WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

You will observe, from the report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, that the contributions for that object have fallen considerably below the amount reported to the last Convention. And, besides, I have to report that the appropriation from the Domestic Board of Missions to the Diocese of Alabama has been greatly reduced—the amount appropriated for the current year being only $1000.

As it regards the diminution of our Diocesan Missionary Fund—it is proper for me to state, that I have not recently pressed this object with my accustomed urgency. I failed to do so because the local demands upon our principal Parishes have been unusually great during the present year. At Huntsville, for example, the Church building needed extensive repair; at Selma, the foundation is being built for a new and costly Church; at Montgomery a new Orphanage for girls has been created since our last Convention; at Mobile large funds —principally from Christ Church—have been contributed for the establishment of an industrial Home for orphan boys. And there is scarcely one of our congregations which has not been actively engaged in the promotion of some object of local interest.

Under these circumstances, I did not feel at liberty to press with any urgency the claims of extra-parochial objects; being satisfied that our Parishes were doing generously the work set before them.

I would now fain express the hope that, inasmuch as these local claim have in large part been satisfied, our Parishes will renew their wonted inter est in Diocesan Missions, and carry out steadily the recommendations of th Convention of 1869, viz: to receive the offerings of the people for this objec on the second Sunday of each month.

These monthly offerings, together with the annual offering, customary a Episcopal visitations, cannot fail to constitute a sufficient fund for our hom missionary operations.

But I must say in this connection that the chief difficulty we have to over come is not that of raising funds, but rather in finding the Clergy, able an willing to do missionary work. You will see from my report that we hav even lost some of our small number during the past year. It was a great gri to me that I could not keep these Brethren in the Diocese. There was neve a greater demand for ministerial labor than at the present moment. But th fact is, that a large proportion of our Parishes are not self-supporting, and therefore becomes necessary to connect several points under one missionary ju risdiction. As a general rule, the Clergy are averse from taking a positio which compels them to distribute their labors over a large surface. And, more over, it is found almost impracticable to unite widely separated Parishes, o Mission Stations, in any concerted plan for the regular and permanent sup port of the Missionary in charge. Consequently, when a compact and a self supporting field of labor is presented in a neighboring Diocese, the Clerg very naturally prefer it; and thus it is found almost impracticable to keep ou Missionary field supplied with an efficient body of laborers.

My brethren, I can give you no idea of the anxiety and trouble which I hav to endure in the effort to find the men who are adapted to their fields of labor and then in bringing the Laity to a united effort for their adequate support.

What can we do for the increase of the Ministry? That, in my judgment is the great question to-day for the Church. There seems to be an inaptitud in newly settled States for the production of Clergy. The spirit of enterpris and of adventure seems to be, as yet, too absorbing.

But is it not time for us to cultivate deeper—to look not only to do the *wor* of the Church, but to raise up *workmen*. This is the thought that should engage the interest of all orders and estates of men in CHRIST's Church. Th Laity must now, as of old, look out for men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Out of Deacons there are to be grown Priests and Bishops. The Clergy, also, wh know their flocks, must unweariedly press the claims of the Sacred Ministry upon the young men, and upon the lads, who will soon be young men. In order to do this effectively, it is needful that we, ourselves, should ente more deeply into the spirit and dignity of our calling. We live in a self-indulgent age, and we are more than mortal if we do not catch somewha of its spirit.

Unless we are most watchful, we shall fall into the estimate which th world itself forms of our mission. When we see that men of no greater talen than ourselves are achieving fame and fortune, we are liable to a secret repin-

ing that those we love are denied what others enjoy. It demands a steady elevation of soul, and a more than ordinary faith, to enable us to realise how glorious and honorable it is to be in the stead of CHRIST, and like HIM, and for the same reason, to be poor.

But I have dwelt upon this theme in a former address, and will not repeat those thoughts to-day, although they claim our daily recognition. I pass to the practical measure which I bring to your attention, and which I desire to press upon your careful deliberation, viz:

THE CONVOCATION SYSTEM.

It will be remembered that the Convention has already acted upon this subject, and has recommended the formation of certain specified Convocations. But, hitherto, very little has been done, and that little very partially. Can we not hit upon some plan of action, which will relieve the Bishop of some part of the details of duty which now devolve upon him, and give to our Missionary work an efficiency which hitherto it has not attained? That is the point, which I would press upon your early consideration, and upon which I ask your counsel and active co-operation. We have assembled here for business. Let the business which concerns the welfare of the Diocese occupy our supreme attention during the short time we shall be together.

In my judgment, very much may be accomplished by a well digested Convocational system, which shall go into operation under authority of law, and with a clearly defined organization. At present our Convocations amount to little more than protracted religious services—very good in themselves, but utterly valueless for the great objects which we have in view. I do not propose, at this stage of our proceedings, to indicate any particular plan of organization. I am advised that the Convocational System is working successfully in some of our Dioceses. Let us take advantage of their experience, and, if practicable, let us inaugurate a system, which shall cover the whole Diocese—which shall lay the foundations for the future growth of the Church in the now unoccupied sections of the State, and plant the germs for the ultimate division of the Diocese into a number of smaller Sees. The Clergy and Laity who shall come after us will find their work of expansion greatly facilitated if we shall now be able to act judiciously in the arrangement of our Convocational boundaries, and in the organization of our Convocational System.

I pass to the consideration of another matter, which well deserves our attention, viz:

THE REVERENT CELEBRATION OF DIVINE WORSHIP.

I am moved to the utterance of the following suggestions, as to the proper and becoming mode of celebrating the public worship of GOD, by the frequent inquiries which have been made, on the part of both Clergy and Laity, as to the postures proper at certain parts of the Church Service; and, also, from observing that there is at times an inconvenient diversity of practice, which tends

to indecorousness, confusion and, not infrequently, to irreverence. And surely nothing is beneath our attention, which concerns the service of God and tends to promote greater propriety and reverence in the celebration of His Holy Worship.

And first as it regards the *Commencement* of Divine Worship. It is a matter of very great importance that the members of the Congregation should be in their accustomed seats in Church some moments before the time appointed for Public Worship. This is entirely practicable for the great majority of those who frequent the House of God. If any material interest were to be subserved by their punctual attendance, there would not, I fear, be the same cause of complaint that, unhappily, now exists. Let the Clergy, frequently and earnestly, impress upon their people the importance of punctuality, and enforce the precept by their own carefulness to commence the services at the appointed time. Not infrequently, the attention of the worshippers present is distracted by the entrance of late-comers during the reading of the Opening Sentences, the Exhortation, and even the General Confession. Sometimes the voice of the officiating Minister is drowned by the tramp of the late-comers—a most unseemly and disrespectful interruption on their part. Such persons must be very thoughtless, or lack greatly in their perception of what is due to the presence of the Great God into whose presence they are coming, and whose worship is being celebrated. They would not so demean themselves to an earthly Potentate; and it may be laid down as an universal rule, that when men allow in themselves a course of conduct towards their Maker, which they would not practice towards an earthly superior, they not only fail of the reverence due, but render impossible the formation of those habits of decorum and propriety, which enter so largely into the development of the religious character, and give to those things which are "true, honest and just" the touch and finish of "whatsoever is lovely and of good report."

The Congregation being seated, and having their minds suitably engaged in meditating upon the approaching worship, should rise from their seats upon the entrance of the officiating Clergy (for they are God's Embassadors and are entering to deliver their message from Him) and kneel together with them for a brief space in silent devotion; invoking the Divine Presence and Blessing.

Then the officiating Minister—having previously made all necessary arrangements as to finding the lessons for the day, &c., &c.—should immediately proceed with the service as appointed by the Rubrics. Any needless delay at this, or any other time during the service, tends to languor and listlessness.

If, as is sometimes the case, there be a processional hymn, or an opening sentence sung by the Choir or Congregation, let this be commenced as the officiating Clergy enter the Church. Whilst this is being sung, let the Clergy and Congregation stand, and at its conclusion unite in silent devotion for a short space of time; reverently kneeling and invoking the Divine Blessing.

At this point I must express my most serious objection to the use—either at the introductory, intermediate, or closing part of the Services—of any words in worship which are not taken from Holy Scripture, or from the Hymnal of the Church, duly authorized. And, furthermore, I must urge the same objection to the introduction, at this, or any other part of Divine Worship, of light

and unseemly music. And, inasmuch as there must be a judge to determine all questions of this character, in order to put an end to all debate, let the Clergy exercise the authority belonging to them in settling this matter. They are held responsible for the mode of conducting the Worship, and must see that all things thereto pertaining are proper and appropriate. In the discharge of this duty they must use great discretion, and be careful not to exercise their prerogative unreasonably, unadvisedly, or with needless positiveness; but they must do their duty in the premises firmly and definitively; for sometimes it happens that music is imported into the Sanctuary from the concert hall and opera house. It may be very beautiful and afford delight and entertainment, but it is associated necessarily with the foot-lights, and with the surroundings of the out-door world. Music gives expression to imaginations as words to thoughts, and the thoughts and imaginations to which the music in view gives such fascinating expression, however proper in their time and place, are not of the Church nor of the Father. They may have their place, but it is not in the Father's House. "Take these things hence." It was needful in olden time to expose the dove for sale; and the vocation of the money changer was a part of the economy of life, but the seat of the dove merchant and the table of the money changer had no business in the Father's House; and, hence, the LORD drove them from its hallowed precincts.

There is grander and more appropriate music which belongs to the Worship of GOD, and it is indissolubly associated in our minds with all that is Churchly and devotional. These, and none other, are the strains which should be heard within the Father's House. In those earthly moods, to which, alas, our thoughts are ever tending, we need every appliance to break the spell of our ordinary life and thoughts. For a brief space of time only are we in the House of GOD for worship. In those few hours let all things tend to break connection with the life of the out-door world; and let the first notes that fall upon the ear of the people, when they would fain draw nearer unto GOD, be not the slumbering echoes of the last week's music, that were heard amid the glare of the concert and the opera, but rather those Churchly strains which should go up from Earth to Heaven when GOD's children adore the LORD—the Father of an Infinite Majesty.

So with the closing music. Let it not be the crashing, rattling and unmeaning sounds, from which our ears and hearts would fain make swift retreat, nor those light and flippant notes, suggestive rather of the dancing hall than of the recessional, but solemn, pensive strains, which breathe of peace and heavenly benedictions—the farewell notes of those who are going from the Father's presence, with the Father's blessing, once more again into the din and turmoil of the world.

Thus may music take its place as an attendant in the House of GOD, and become the handmaid of devotion; helping us on in its every association to the conception of the Infinite Majesty of the Father, the Everlasting Glory of CHRIST, and the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, the comforter.

MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER.

As to the postures proper during regular morning and evening prayer, there is no room for diversity, save such as may result from a neglect to carry out the intent of the rubrics, and to follow the settled usages of the Church. Now, in order to bring the people to a more uniform and reverential observance of all the rules and proprieties of worship, will, of course, in a country like ours, and among a population for the most part but recently acquainted with Church usages, be a matter of time and education. A great advance is already noticeable in this direction, and it may be greatly promoted by a uniform propriety and reverence of manner on the part of the older and better trained members of the congregation. Let there be no lounging or listlessness, at any time, in the House of God. Let our manner of sitting, kneeling and standing betoken attention and reverence. We spend but a very brief period in the House of God. Let us have a care to demean ourselves as becometh those who, upon the footstool of the earth, draw near to pay homage to Him that dwelleth in the Heavens.

I said there was no cause for diversity of custom as to the postures and usages during morning and evening prayer. In one particular there is a diversity of practice—as it regards the use of the Gloria Patri. Sometimes it is used at the end of each Psalm; sometimes at the conclusion of the Psalter for the day. Uncertainty and confusion thus result from this diversity. Let the Gloria Patri be uniformly used at the end of each Psalm, and let the appropriate Doxology be uniformly used at the end of each Hymn and Psalm in metre, closing always with the "*Amen*," to give the weighty emphasis of that weighty word.

After morning prayer and the singing of the Psalm or Hymn which follows thereupon, the officiating Minister, standing as directed by the rubric, will proceed with the Ante-Communion Service. Through this whole service, the Minister should stand, and not kneel, as I have sometimes observed him to do.

After the reading of the Epistle, he will, as directed by the rubric, announce the Holy Gospel. After uttering the words, "*The Holy Gospel*," let him pause for a moment, in order that the people may rise together to pay honor in so doing to the Gospel of our Blessed Lord, and at the same time to hear without interruption the announcement of the place where the Holy Gospel may be found written. By observing this direction—in the matter of pausing after the words "The Holy Gospel,"—the present irregular and confused mode of rising on the part of the congregation will be avoided; and their rising at the words, "The Holy Gospel," will bring out more definitely the fact that they rise to pay honor to the Holy Gospel.

Before the Sermon, and whilst the Psalm or Hymn is being sung, I have frequently observed the officiating Minister to be engaged in preparing to preach, by the arrangement of manuscripts, walking to and fro, &c. This habit is altogether indecorous, if not irreverential. His preparation for all that he

has to do, should be complete before he leaves the vestry, and his sermon should be at hand, or in its place, in order that he may be able to join with the congregation in giving praise unto God. It would be deemed very irreverent in him to be passing about, to and from the vestry, whilst prayer was being offered. Is the offering of praise any less an act of worship? And may not this inattention on his part during the singing, be one of the causes which has led to that prevalent disesteem of this part of Divine Worship which we have so constantly to lament? Therefore, the inattention of the Minister at this time, or his engagement in any act out of harmony with the worship proceeding, is, to say the least, very incongruous, and suggests the thought that he regards the hymn before the Sermon as merely the prelude to his own coming performance. He should continue in the chancel during the singing of the hymn; neither going into the vestry, if possible to avoid so doing, nor taking his place in the pulpit until the Doxology shall have been finished. The habit, on the part of the Clergy, of conferring together, whilst the worship is proceeding, is much to be avoided. It may be, occasionally, a necessity; but it may be in great part avoided by due pains in making every preparation before Divine Service. The neglect to do this is part of a general slovenliness which cannot be commended.

It has been a custom, from time immemorial, for the Minister who is to preach, to kneel and offer up silent devotion before taking his place in the pulpit. The custom among ourselves has been to make this silent devotion sometime during the singing of the Hymn preceding the Sermon. This custom is open, although not in the same degree, to the objection before made, viz: that it is an act out of keeping with the worship proceeding.

Let the officiating Minister—after the Hymn and Doxology shall have been concluded—kneel and make his devotion, and let him train his congregation to unite with him in this silent act of worship for a blessing upon the word of God about to be preached; that "utterance may be given unto him; that he may know how to speak as he ought to speak;" and also that the people themselves may have grace to hear and receive the word with meekness and teachableness of spirit. A brief pause at the time indicated would be eminently suggestive and edifying.

After the Sermon, let the people arise at the ascription of praise unto God, and then join in singing the Gloria Patri or some authorized Doxology.

Then follows the Offertory, unless there be a Confirmation, and, in that case, let the Offertory follow the Confirmation office.

THE OFFERTORY.

It gratifies me greatly to be able to say that offerings are now presented by the people, on every Lord's Day, in almost all the Churches of the Diocese. It is meet and proper, and our bounden duty, to worship God with our substance at some time on every Lord's Day. The worship of no Sunday is complete without the Offering. The Offerings having been received (as the rubric directs) by the wardens, or other fit persons, and having been "reverently brought" to the Priest, he shall "humbly present" and place them upon the

Holy Table. The injunctions of the Church are very explicit, it will be seen, as to the manner of "receiving," "reverently bringing" and "humbly presenting" the Offerings of the people. And they are in very marked contrast with the slovenly and irreverent manner, which for a long time characterized this part of public worship. A great change has come over the sentiments and, consequently, the habits of the Clergy and people in this particular. And the change is most noteworthy, inasmuch as it is manifestly the indication of a larger hearted liberality on the part of our people, and, also, the appropriate recognition and expression of GOD's ownership and of man's stewardship—great practical truths, which, unless embodied in some form, can never have life and continuance among men. This is the law which necessitates all symbolism.

Now, whether the magnifying of the Offertory, and its elevation to its proper position as a part of the Divine Worship, has tended to increase the offering, or whether the increased offering has naturally taken to itself form and clothed itself with more reverential expression, it might be interesting to inquire. For all phenomena proceed from the operation of laws, and laws are great teachers. However this may be, beyond all question the Church designed to make the Offertory a conspicuous part of Holy Worship, and has enjoined the mode of "bringing" and "presenting" with more than ordinary fullness and distinctness. And the increased attention of the Clergy and people to this long neglected, and scarcely recognized, part of worship, is not only a movement in the direction of express prescription, but is in harmony with the fitness of things, and the instructions of GOD's most Holy Word.

We who, in times past, have seen the hat carried round after the Sermon, as if to reward the performer, and then thrust under the table or behind the door —fit receptacles for such a thing in the Sanctuary—can regard with unmingled satisfaction the seemly and reverent manner in which the Offerings of the people are now received and presented throughout the Diocese of Alabama.

The attitude of the people, during the presentation of their Offerings by the officiating Priest, should be that of *standing;* the Priest also *standing* and humbly presenting these among the other Offerings of Praise and Thanksgiving. It is altogether unbecoming for the people to remain seated, whilst their offerings are presented by the Priest. We should never think of retaining the sitting posture, whilst making an offering to an earthly superior—a creature like ourselves, only greater in place and authority—and if we would teach others that GOD is greater than we are, we must not demean ourselves in His presence as if we were His equals.

When the Offertory shall be duly celebrated and recognized to be, what it truly is, an important, and not the least, part of Divine Worship, we may look for an outgrowth of systematic liberality on the part of our people, which shall banish forever (and GOD grant it may be soon, and in our day) the modern appliances for raising money for doing the work of the Church. We shall have made a great advance indeed, when we shall have turned in sickness of heart far away from the *Ritualism* of fairs, suppers, &c., &c., and that legion

of modern appliances, at the least, earthly and inferior—and sometimes in their surroundings, sensual—far away, I say, to the *Ritual* of the Church—which proclaims and illustrates and embodies the truth—that the "earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof."

Our dear little children are to be our teachers in this, as in all our duties. We begin to realize what our Blessed LORD did mean when he said, "Except ye be converted and become as little children." They have caught the truth that all they have is GOD's, and all that they have they delight to give unto Him.

It is customary, in many of our Churches, to accompany the presentation of the Offerings with some words, said or sung, expressive of the Divine ownership in all that we have, and of the fact that we are thus only rendering back gratefully to GOD a part of that which is already and entirely His.

In regard to this matter of introducing words into the service which are not placed there by authority, I have this to say: that I have frequently been requested to authorize the use of a prescribed form of words in the presentation at the Offertory. My reply has uniformly been, that it was not for any Bishop to give his official sanction or direction upon a point of this nature; and that there might be much, which as an individual, he could approve, and yet which he would not feel at liberty to officially sanction and prescribe.

But the propriety of introducing into the public and common worship of the Church any words other than those taken from the Holy Scriptures, or from some duly authorized standard of the Church, is more than questionable. The practice would be open to very serious objection, as making way to much possible evil. It would be impossible to assign limits to such a permission, for it might lead to the introduction of Hymns and Anthems containing serious errors and even pestilent heresies, and—to say the least—might introduce into the worship of the Church, and into the highest act of worship, the most extravagant individualities of doctrine and sentiment; thus neutralizing, if not destroying, the genius and intent of the Liturgy. I must, therefore, deprecate most earnestly—and in advance of all present necessity for such deprecation—the introduction of any Hymns or Psalms or sentences other than those authorized by this Church. There might be many good things introduced and they might serve for temporary edification; but a great principle, involving much irreparable evil, would thereby be established.

There is not, however, the same objection to the use of words that have authority, and, especially, of words taken from Holy Scripture. Therefore, I have never felt at liberty to call in question the propriety of making offerings in the words which King David uttered, when the people brought to him their offerings wherewith to build the House of the LORD—when the heart of the good old King "rejoiced with great joy," yet tempered with humility, (for he presented humbly) as in the midst of his praises, he exclaimed, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of Thee, (O, LORD) and of Thine own have we given Thee." (1 Chron., xxix, 14.)

But let us ever have a care that our Offerings shall be so great, and in such proportion to our means, as to justify the Ritual of the Offertory. When David uttered these words, it was with great joy over the liberality of his people. And surely we, who are minded to honor the LORD with our substance and with the first fruits of all our increase, will present unto Him nothing mean, imperfect and unworthy.

At this point let me suggest that, when Holy Communion be celebrated, and when, in pursuance of the rubric, the oblations of Bread and Wine are to be placed upon the Holy Table immediately after the Offering shall have been humbly presented and also placed there, it is manifestly proper that the people should retain their standing posture, until the Priest shall have said, "Let us pray for the whole State of CHRIST's Church Militant," when they should reverently kneel, and remain kneeling until the exhortation, "Dearly Beloved," &c.

During this prayer the Priest should always stand, and continue standing during the office of Holy Communion, except when directed by the rubric to kneel—as at the "General Confession," and prayer of "Humble Access."

After the prayer for CHRIST's Church Militant, there should be a pause in the service sufficient to afford opportunity for those who do not wish to communicate to retire together from the Church.

The congregation then, rising at the exhortation, "Dearly Beloved," &c., will kneel again, as directed, at the "General Confession," and thereafter continue in that position until the Communion Hymn is announced or sung.

At this point I must admonish the people against a prevalent habit, which, as the Clergy complain, is increasing, and which, as our congregations enlarge, is likely still more to increase, viz:—the habit of leaving the Church after having communicated, and before the Post-Communion Services have been concluded. The slightest reflection would prevent any one of a reverent mind from committing this great breach of decorum—to give it its least offensive name. For to say nothing of the loss of a large part of the worship, and of the deprivation of the Blessing of Peace—think of the unseemliness of leaving before the end of the Feast! Who, without grave reason and excuse would leave the table of a friend before the meal was finished, and the guests dismissed? Let us bear in mind *what* Feast *it is—who gives* the Feast—and *who meets us there.* Decorum, if not piety, would put an immediate stop to this cause of complaint, in so far as it resulted from thoughtlessness.

And, in order to remove the cause of the weariness which often compels some really earnest and reverent people to leave the Church thus prematurely, let the Clergy, whenever it is practicable, seek to divide the service. Where the worship is protracted some hours, the best people become jaded, and thus reluctantly render a wearied service.

And in this connection, let me admonish the Laity to a more seemly and reverent manner in receiving the Holy Eucharist. Some come with their gloves on—some with soiled hands—some with their veils down and entangling their hands. It requires much address, at times, on the part of the officiating Priest to administer with reverence and propriety—and even to prevent

the Wine from spilling and the Bread from falling to the floor—a profanation not to be thought of. In the open, ungloved palm of the hand, let the communicant receive, and with clean hands and pure heart present himself at the Sacred Feast.

After the Blessing of Peace shall have been pronounced, let the people continue to kneel until the remaining elements shall have been reverently consumed. Few things strike me as more irreverent than the too common spectacle of the larger part of a congregation (and that of communicants) standing up and talking, and sometimes irregularly leaving the Church, whilst the Clergy and others are engaged in reverently consuming the consecrated Bread and Wine. Let a respectful silence, and an attitude of devotion, be maintained on the part of all, until the elements shall have been consumed, or, which is better still, until the Priest shall have retired with the consecrated vessels to the Vestry. And if there be connected with this act of recession some sweet hymn of holy savor—breathing the fragance of the Feast just over—so much the more suitable, as being far removed from the tramp of the people, and the too common crash of the organ, which sometimes seems to relieve itself of long repression by an outburst of most inappropriate tone and volume.

THE BAPTISMAL OFFICE.

I have observed much diversity of posture, both among the Clergy and Laity, during the celebration of Holy Baptism. This may be avoided by observing the following rules, viz: At the opening sentence, "Dearly Beloved," let the whole congregation stand, and let both Minister and people stand until the persons or infants shall have been baptized; and then let all kneel, as directed by the rubric, during the LORD'S Prayer and the Post-Baptismal Prayer. These prayers ended, it will be proper for the congregation to resume their seats, whilst the Minister gives the exhortation to the baptized and their sponsors and witnesses. So in the

CONFIRMATION OFFICE.

Let the Minister in charge, or, if there be no Minister in charge, let some Minister designated by the Bishop, or the Bishop himself, as he may elect, call up the candidates to the Chancel, during the singing of a Hymn or Psalm, or some appropriate sentence taken out of Holy Scripture. When the candidates come forward, let them be encouraged at once to kneel. It is their natural prompting so to do; it shields their timidity and weakness, and affords them opportunity to collect their thoughts. At a word from the Bishop they can rise from their knees and stand in order before the Bishop (as directed by the rubric.)

This Church has provided no form for the presentation of candidates by the Minister, who has had their preparation and instruction in charge; and just here there seems to be something lacking—something, which shall bring out the several relations of all the parties thus gathered together—the mutual relation of Minister and candidates—that of the Bishop and Minister, and that of the Bishop and candidates.

In some of our Churches I found something like the following form in use when I came among you as Bishop of the Diocese:

"Reverend Father in GOD, I present these persons present to receive at your hands the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation."

The use of this, or of any other form of presentation, has been sometimes faulted, as having no authority of rubric. The objection does not, in my judgment, lie with any weight; for it is not, and is not pretended to be, any part of the Confirmation office. It precedes, and is preparatory to, that office which properly begins with the Preface. It cannot, therefore, be reasonably faulted as an unauthorized addition to the service. And, further, it is a form in itself seemly and edifying, it keeps up a due recognition of the relations of all the parties, it follows closely the analogy of the Ordination office, and seems to involve no injurious consequences.

It would be hardly thought out of place if, upon the occasion of a Bishop's visitation, the Minister in charge should see fit to address him with some words of filial greeting. It would not be thought out of place if the Bishop should respond in some words of fatherly salutation. Indeed, on the part of the Bishop, there is ordinarily some such greeting. He has a word—sometimes for the Clergy, sometimes for the people, and sometimes for the persons confirmed, or to be confirmed. These salutations ordinarily occur during the celebration of Confirmation. And, yet, there is no place provided for them in the rubric. The custom is found to be edifying and will, doubtless, continue to prevail so long as Bishops shall delight in exercising their functions as the Pastors of CHRIST'S Sheep and Lambs.

I feel bound to say, however, that, whilst I regard the custom under review as entirely free from reasonable objection, I have never pressed, and shall never press, its observance upon any Minister, who, for whatsoever cause, may prefer its omission.

But to resume: The candidates standing in order before the Bishop, the Preface will be read, as directed by the rubric. Whilst the Preface is being read, and the Address, if there be any, of the Bishop is being delivered, and the question is being addressed to the candidates, the congregation will be seated.

At the words, "Our help is in the name of the LORD," the congregation will rise and respond. All present will continue standing until after the Confirmation; the candidates only kneeling—at the instance of the Bishop—to receive Confirmation. After the laying on of hands, all will kneel, as directed by the rubric. After the Benediction in the Confirmation office, it will be edifying to sing some appropriate verses—to some familiar tune, in which all the people can unite—for example—"Praise GOD from all blessings flow," to the tune of "Old Hundred."

The candidates will remain at the Chancel until the Doxology shall have been ended, and will then resume their seats in the congregation.

Then will properly follow the Offertory if there be one.

I have thus, my beloved brethren, at the instance of some of the most valued members, both of the Clergy and Laity, given you my best judgment as to the postures, &c., most proper during the celebration of Divine Worship. These suggestions are issued in reference to established Congregations. They are not, in all respects, applicable to Mission Services, where the minimum of Ritual which the Church allows, or necessity imposes, will, for a while, be most wise and edifying. And let the Clergy be careful not to attempt, with insufficient appliances, a style of worship which, whilst sublime and edifying, when suitably rendered, may descend by a single step to the mean and commonplace, if not to the ridiculous.

I should be very glad if an address upon Ritualism, which I issued to the Convention of 1867, might be considered in connection with this present address. They are complementary parts of each other. To a superficial glance there might seem to be some contrariety between them, but a careful analysis would make manifest their entire harmony. The one was against Ritualism, and against individualism of action in the matter of Ritual. The present—in default of the action of the General Convention, which I had greatly desired—is an attempt to promote uniformity and decorum in the worship of that part of the Church over which God has called me to exercise jurisdiction. I would have greatly preferred that the House of Bishops should, with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, have taken this whole matter in hand, and with the comprehensiveness of grasp, which has always characterised the action of our General Conventions, have provided a minimum and maximum of Ritual, in order to have guarded against defect, and to have restrained excess.

But the General Convention of 1868 did not take the matter in hand, and devolved upon the Bishops, individually, a degree of responsibility which I, for one, would have greatly preferred to share with my brethren.

Therefore, this part of my Annual Address which, at your instance, I have thrown into the form of a Pastoral, is an attempt on my part to secure for our Diocese what we all so greatly desire—greater uniformity, reverence and propriety in the celebration of Divine Worship. I give you these instructions acting under my amenability to the Canons and customs of the Church. I have done so with diffidence, and not without taking counsel with many, whose researches and studies in matters of Ritual have been far greater than my own. I am entirely satisfied that the best safeguard against extremism in either direction, is in the perfecting of a Ritual, which shall give scope to all that is reverential, and repress all that is superstitious—leaving room for flexibility and growth, and putting us into an attitude so catholic, that all the ends of earth, and the extremest ends thereof, may find in our branch of the Church that which can alone constitute a centre of Church Unity—a *pure Creed*, an *Apostolic Ministry*, and a *full*, *perfect* and *sufficient* Ritual.

It will be a great satisfaction to me to know that I shall have contributed to this result in any imperfect measure.

If in any particular I have failed, I can only say that I stand prepared to modify or recall any suggestion or instruction, in which, in the judgment of the

Church, or in my own better advised judgment, I may be shown to have gone beyond, or to have fallen short of, the intent of the rubrics. I have no individual views to press beyond the limits of a just moderation, and the commonly received customs of the Church.

And let me say, furthermore, that, in issuing this Pastoral, I have no desire to press a conformity in any particular not clearly enjoined by the rubrics of the Church. I thank GOD that there exists amongst us no cause for diversity of thought and practice save that which may arise from ignorance or inadvertence, or diversity of taste. I am well assured that we all desire to promote reverence and godly fear in the worship of the Most High GOD, and in all things to learn how to behave ourselves in the House of GOD.

Nor let it be supposed for a moment that a due attention to the *mode* of worship has any tendency to keep before the mind the *manner* of the doing, and to withdraw it from the consideration of the thing *done*. Quite the contrary. If there be one thing more than another which has led to the Ritualistic excesses, which here and there have been complained of, it is the slovenly, indecorous and irreverent manner of worship which was, alas, so common in our midst and around us. No! the effect of a due attention to such matters is to produce such an orderly, uniform and reverent demeanor, as shall dismiss from the devout mind all thought of the *manner* of the doing, and set heart and mind free for the solemn engagements of Meditation, Praise and Prayer. And it is because the settled habit leads to the unconscious performance, and because the unconscious is the alone perfect, that I would have you in all things know how to demean yourselves in GOD's Holy Presence.

It is not the regular, the well trained soldier, who thinks most of the manner of his going. It is the militiaman, who, by his awkwardness and slovenliness, is perpetually thinking, and reminding others, of himself and his movements. And as no soldier ever fought the worse for being perfect in the drill, nor loved his country less because he observed closely the Ritual of the Army; so, no Christian Soldier ever fought the battle of life less bravely, nor loved his Great Captain less warmly, because he sought ever to keep his armor bright and his step true in the ranks. There may be a devotion, which begins and ends in attention to the drill—as there are men who are never in the ranks except at dress parade. Of this there can be no question, and a sorry thing it is. It is an evil, however, which grows out of human frailty and hollowness. But its remedy must not be sought in slovenliness and negligence, for these can never be made the handmaids of devotion.

And, my brethren of the Clergy—to whom, as to the Laity—I ever address myself with pleasure, for you ever give me a heedful ear, and cause me oftener to shrink from the responsibilities of my office than to assert its claims—let me urge it upon you that you prepare yourself diligently in heart, mind and body for the duties of the Sanctuary; in order that you may be examples to the flock of CHRIST, and be able by word and action to teach your people reverence, as well as to show them wonderful things out of GOD's Holy Word.

When I have witnessed the care and pains and discipline which they bestow upon their preparation of themselves, who cater for the applause of the multitude and minister to its entertainment, and then contrast therewith the

often mistakes in miscalled and omitted words, the slovenly manner and dress, the half prepared discourses which are not infrequently complained of in the Clergy, I have felt a degree of mortification, for myself as well as them, to which I can give no adequate expression.

We are the educators of the people in things pertaining to God. That is our business. Let us study to show ourselves in all things approved unto God; and we may be well assured that nothing is beneath our attention and pains which serves to promote the most beautiful, decorous and perfect worship of the Sanctuary.

Therefore, let us have a care that whilst we lay our main stress where main stress is due—rightly dividing the word of truth, presenting it in all its just and beautiful proportions, and apportioning to each one his meat in due season, (and who doubts the necessity of so doing,) let us, I say, have a care that we do not fail in any matter. And let us study so to behave ourselves in the House of God as that His Holy Worship, under our conduct, shall be celebrated not only in the spirit, but in the beauty of Holiness.

THE APPROACHING GENERAL CONVENTION.

There are many subjects of interest which come before the mind in view of the present condition of the Church, and, especially, in reference to the approaching General Convention. We are all impressed with the conviction that matters of grave moment will come before that Council of the Church. It is not for me, at this time, to indicate the course of policy which I shall pursue, in the event of certain leading questions being pressed upon the deliberations of that body. I prefer to await the course of events, and to act as my best judgment, guided, I trust, by God's Good Spirit, may determine. And let me earnestly urge it upon the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese that they will, both in their public and private devotions, with more than ordinary fervency, invoke upon our approaching General Council the Spirit of wisdom and understanding—the spirit of counsel and ghostly strength. If in this spirit we approach the grave questions of public policy that may be brought forward, we shall have no cause for anxiety, but, on the contrary, every reason for looking hopefully to the issue.

There are many among us—particularly the new and uninformed members of the Church—who are naturally bewildered by the existence of so much agitation in our midst. They do not comprehend the inherent difference between the Sect and the Church—that the Sect being founded upon one truth, or class of truths, may be at peace, whilst the Church, by her very catholicity, embracing all truth, must, of necessity, include the elements of antagonism—that, therefore, a certain amount of antagonism is, under the present imperfect dispensation of things, the law of life and of healthful progress, and that it is, in large part, due to the vigorous activity of the Church that these agitations exist. Who, that recalls the history of our branch of the Church in this newly settled country—called upon to contend with every form of error,

and with opposition from every quarter—can fail to recognise the wonderful manifestations of Divine favor and goodness which have blessed us abundantly above what we were able to ask or even to think? That there is much still lacking is due to causes which we cannot altogether control—which, in the past, have always been overruled to the extension of the Redeemer's Kingdom—and which, in the future, will be cared for by the same kind Providence that causes even the infirmities and lapses of the faithful to work together for their eternal good. AMEN.

Faithfully, your Bishop,

RICHARD HOOKER WILMER.

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA,
May 10, 1871.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. John Fulton, D. D., Rector.

May 10th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 7; infants, 21		Total,	28
Communicants in 1870, 320; died, 15; removed, 13		Present No.	325
Sunday School—Teachers, 15; scholars, 120		Total,	135
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 75; private, 12		Total,	87
Confirmations			16
Marriages			10
Funerals			43
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$4,500 00		
Convention Fund,	880 00		
Current Expenses,	4,835 40		
Repairs of Church Edifice,	608 15—	$10,823	55
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	422 87		
Yellow fever,	750 00		
Sunday School,	361 19—	1,534	06
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home for Girls,	167 05		
Diocesan Missions,	107 60		
City Missions,	140 63		
Industrial Home for Orphan Boys,	7,000 00—	7,415	28
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	43 50		
Foreign Missions,	43 50		
University of the South,	51 55		
Increase of the Ministry,	123 17		
Bishop of Arkansas,	50 00—	311	72
Total Expenditures,		$20,084	61

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

May 1st, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 10	Total,	12
Confirmations—(No Episcopal Visitation.)		
Marriages		5
Burials—White, 6; colored, 2	Total,	8

Communicants—Reported in 1870, 83; died, 1; removed, 8; omitted in last report, 7; added by removals, 8; added anew, 9, ... } Present No. 10[illegible]
Baptized persons not Communicants, 95; other parishioners, 20, ... Total, 11[illegible]
Total Parishioners, ... 21[illegible]
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 54 ..... Total, 6[illegible]
Sunday School Library, ... Volumes, 22[illegible]
Parish Library ..... Volumes, 10[illegible]
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 12; private, 1, ... Total, 1[illegible]

Collections—

Communion Offerings,	$ 216 41
Weekly Offertory,	498 4[illegible]
By Subscription list,	1,725 7[illegible]
By Church Guild,	216 3[illegible]
Offerings of Sunday School,	95 45
By Mite Society,	51 98
In Mite Chests,	8 65
Otherwise,	20 00
Total receipts,	$3,832 95

Appropriations—

To Rector's Salary,	$1,500 00	
Convention assessments,	220 00	
Current expenses,	175 40	
Repairs on Church edifice,	405 72	
Repairs on Guild room	106 30	
To the poor,	38 50	
Books for Parish Library,	40 00	
Tracts for circulation,	27 95	
Periodicals for the Guild Reading Room,	25 00	
To Convocation Fund,	20 00	
Diocesan Missions,	200 00	
University of the South,	20 00	
Domestic Missions,	18 65	
Total appropriations,		$3,792 61

REMARKS.—The present condition of the Parish is highly encouraging, and affords cause for great thankfulness to Almighty God, and for renewed effort in the future. The field is a rich one, and "already white to the harvest," and it needs only a faithful and diligent culture in order to yield both immediate and abundant returns.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'—Rev. R. H. CORBS, Rector.

May 1st, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 108; removed, 4, ... Present No. 138
Baptized persons not Communicants, ... 143
Total Parishioners, ... 281
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 60, ... Total, 69
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 1, ... Total, 15
Confirmations, ... 10
Marriages, ... 9
Funerals, ... 8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, ... 12

:hial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,..	$1,123 60	
Convention Fund,..	200 00	
Current Expenses,..	47 65	
Repairs of Church Edifice,..	501 35	
Monument to Bishop Cobbs,..	52 25—	$1,924 85
ties and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,..		98 50
ties and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,..		147 80
ties and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,..	12 00	
Foreign Missions,..	15 00	
University of the South,..	22 15	
Student at Sewanee,..	20 00—	69 15
Other Contributions for Church purposes,..		16 00
Total Expenditures,..		$2,955 80

MARKS.—Of the Communicants reported, ten are too far from the Church accounted regular members of the Parish.

'RINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

May 6th, 1871.

sms—Infants,..	4
nunicants—In 1870, 63; died, 2; removed, 9,..Present No.	52
Parishioners, about..	125
ay School—Teachers, 16; Scholars, 65; (removed, 11),..Total,	81
rations of Holy Communion—Public, 8; private, 1,..Total,	9
rmations,..	3
ages,..	2
rals,..	4
ber of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,..	12

:hial Expenditures—		
For Building and Furnishing Church,..		$8,500 00
ties and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,..		43 95
ties and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,..		114 50
ties and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,..	5 00	
Foreign Missions,..	5 00—	10 00
Total Expenditures,..		$8,668 45

MARKS.—The Church Building has been finished and nearly all the sary furniture obtained, at a cost of about $8,500 00. The ladies have ired a fine organ, costing about $1,200 00. The Rev. Wm. A. Stickney nted a beautiful Altar to the Church, and some friends in New York, handsome articles of furniture for the Chancel. The Children of the ay School have placed a beautiful Memorial Window to Bishop Cobbs east side of the Church, and it is hoped it will not be long before the :h will be ready for consecration. There are, however, some debts to be and some furniture to be procured before it will be ready to be devoted D.

Church appears to be in a healthy and growing condition. The contion is good, and seem to be increasing.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. Horace Stringfellow, Jr., D. D., Rector.

May 9th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 45; adults, 10,.....Total,			[illegible]
Communicants—In 1870, 332; died, 4; removed, 10,.....Present No.			[illegible]
Sunday School—Teachers, 39; scholars, 249,.....Total,			[illegible]
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 20 times; private, 9,....Total,			
Confirmations,.....			
Marriages,.....			
Funerals,.....			
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,.....	$3,000 00		
Convention Fund,.....	700 00		
Current Expenses,.....	1,561 00		
Repairs of Church Edifice,.....	800 00		
Erection of Orphan Home,.....	1,300 00—	$7,361	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....	575 85		
Support of Orphan Home,.....	1,200 00		
Parish School,.....	769 00—	2,544	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,.....	342 45		
Bishop Cobbs' Monument,.....	1,000 00		
Sufferers in Mobile,.....	70 00—	1,412	[illegible]
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South,.....	200 00		
Increase of the Ministry,.....	125 00—	325	[illegible]
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,.....		3,900	[illegible]
Total Expenditures,.....		$15,572	75

Remarks—The Rector has much cause for encouragement in his work. Hamner Hall is fully realizing his anticipations, numbering during the past scholastic year, 56 scholars. The Parish School has afforded instruction to some 50 children. The Orphan Home, for which the Sunday School has been laboring so earnestly, has been located on the Hamner Hall property, and it is hoped, will be ready for use by the ensuing August. Of the amount of money raised for charitable purposes, the sum of $1,300 was contributed by the Sunday School at their Easter Festival. It is but due to his Vestry that the Rector should acknowledge a Life Insurance Policy of $5,000, and the increase of his salary to $4,000. The Rev. R. H. Micou has, since last September, filled the position of Assistant Minister, but has recently accepted an invitation to the Diocese of Louisiana.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

May 8th, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 74; died, 2; removed, 12; added, 6,. Present No.	59
Baptized Persons not Communicants,.....	60
Total Parishioners,.....	119
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 47,.....Total,	56
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 6; private, 1,.....Total,	7
Confirmations,.....	8
Marriages,.....	2
Funerals,.....	2

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 107 50	
Convention Fund,	110 00	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	2,518 00—	$2,735 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		41 36
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		16 50
Total Expenditures,		$2,793 36

REMARKS.—For five months monthly services were rendered in this Parish by Rev. W. A. STICKNEY. Regular Lay Services, on the higher Fasts and Festivals, as on Sundays, have been generally well attended; but we need a Shepherd to watch over and minister to our spiritual wants. Our Church Edifice, greatly improved by enlargement, exceeds double its former capacity, but as yet unfinished for want of funds.

E. L. STICKNEY, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. S. M. BIRD, Rector.

May 10th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 38; adults, 6,		Total, 44
Communicants—In 1870, 169; died, 3; removed, 6; suspended, 3; present No., 217; Missionary points, 28,		Total, 245
Baptized persons not Communicants,		About 250
Total Parishioners,		495
Sunday School—Teachers, 14; scholars, 125,		Total, 149
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 18; private, 1,		Total, 19
Confirmations,		19
Marriages,		13
Funerals,		17
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$2,500 00	
Convention Fund,	350 00	
Current Expenses,	300 00	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	270 00	
Old debts,	1,622 79—	$5,042 79
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		740 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		73 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,	100 00	
Subscription to University of the South, paid,	300 00—	400 00
Total Expenditures,		$6,256 79

REMARKS.—$1,725 have been subscribed by the following members of this Parish, to-wit: R. M. NELSON, $200; W. M. BROOKS, $200; W. J. HARDEE, $100; GEO. O. BAKER, $125; J. L. PERKINS, $100; JNO. P. MITCHELL, $500; N. H. R. DAWSON, $500; to the University of the South, payable in ten semi-annual installments. The Parish, by the blessing of GOD, continues to increase in prosperity and interest. A large new Church has been found necessary, and the work is now contracted for and fairly under way. Mr. WM. WEAVER

has donated a valuable lot for the site of this edifice. I must put on record word as to the faithful and ceaseless liberality of my people, especially t children. Large contributions for the new Church, which do not appear this Report.

REPORT FROM MISSIONARY STATIONS.—Rev. S. M. BIRD, in Charg

CAHABA has been entirely depleted by removals. Since Rev. Mr. W DELL's removal from the Diocese there have been no services. The Sund School, numbering 3 teachers and 20 scholars, is kept up by the zealous e nestness of Mrs. Dr. VASSER. There are now only 9 communicants left. T Church building is suffering greatly from decay and neglect. The handsor stained glass chancel window is broken, and other signs of dilapidation showing themselves.

ORRVILLE.—There are 8 communicants in Orrville. These earnest few very sanguine in the matter of building a Chapel. Nearly one-half of t money necessary is already pledged. I have given occasional services a Holy Communion to this point. This, in time, will be a self-supporti Church if a favorable junction can be had with the good people of St. David 15 miles distant.

MONTEVALLO AND BRIARFIELD.—I go to these places occasionally. There are 11 communicants. Nothing for the present favoring any growth or fixed establishment of the Church at these points. The people at Montevallo have fitted up a room in ecclesiastical taste. Montevallo has paid its full quota to the Contingent Fund, $25.

The communicants of these Stations are entered upon my Selma Report.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—White, infants,		3
Confirmations—White,		4
Funerals—White, 5; colored, 1,	Total,	6
Communicants—White, at last Report, 56; added, 4; died, 1; removed, 4,	Present No.	55
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		30
Sunday School—White, teachers, 6; scholars, 20; col'd scholars, 20,	Total,	46
Communions administered,		12

Collections—Diocesan Missions,	$ 31 90	
Domestic Missions,	11 25	
For Church Purposes generally,	281 20	
Total,		$324 35

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last Report, 11 months, divided by alternate Sundays between this and Grace Church Parish, Portland precinct.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.—Rev. T. J. BEARD, Missionary.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; adults, 1,	Total,	4
Communicants—In 1870, 29; removed, 3,	Present No.	26
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		34

Total Parishioners,		60
Sunday School—Teachers and scholars		18
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		8
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	$10 30	

REMARKS.—It is painful to see the desolation of this Parish. The Church building is going rapidly to decay, and unless something is speedily done to put it in repair, it will be dangerous to hold service in it. The children are wandering off like sheep without a shepherd. May the LORD soon send them a shepherd.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.—Rev. T. J. BEARD, Missionary.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants,		2
Communicants—In 1870, 20; died, 1; removed, 2, Present No.		22
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		36
Total Parishioners,		58
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		2
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Repairs of Church Edifice,	$220 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	10 15	
Total Expenditures,	$230 15	

REMARKS.—In consequence of the burning of the Church here on the 9th of October, no service could be held there after that date until I gave up the Mission.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 25, Total,			28
Communicants—In 1870, 153; added, 18, Present No.			171
Sunday School—Teachers, 20; scholars, 200, Total,			220
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 14; private, 3, Total,			17
Confirmations,			17
Marriages,			5
Funerals,			7
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$2,400 00		
For Bishop, Convention Fund,	440 00		
Current Expenses,	542 00		
Repairs of Church Edifice,	2,000 00—	$5,382 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms—Poor and Parish School,		473 45	

Brought forward,	$5,354 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions,	266 90
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South,	297 00
Total Expenditures,	$6,768 35

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rector.

May 6th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants,		4
Communicants—In 1870, 22,	Present No.	26
Baptized Persons not Communicants—Adults, 8; children, 18,	Total,	26
Total Parishioners,		52
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		6
Confirmations,		4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,		12

Parochial Expenditures—	
For repairs on Organ,	$60 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms,	32 87
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions,	51 00
Total Expenditures,	$143 87

Remarks.—Not much change has occurred in this Parish. The congregation, though small, is regular in attendance. There are some indications of growth and improvement, and the Rector is encouraged to look hopefully to the future.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. John Y. Gholson, Rector.

May 10th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; adults, 1,	Total,	5
Communicants—In 1870, 32; removed, 2,	Present No.	42
Total Parishioners,		97
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 15,	Total,	19
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 8; Private, 1,	Total,	9
Confirmations—Within Parish, 2; without Parish, 2,	Total,	4
Funerals,		2
Number of Months spent in Parish since acceptance of Rectorship,		11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector to date,	$ 300 00	
Convention Fund,	110 00	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	630 00—	$1,040 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Prayer Books for Church,		6 25

Brought forward,		$1,046 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Bishop Cobbs' Monument,	158 00	
Church Home for Orphans,	42 50	
Diocesan Missions,	50 00	
Mobile Sufferers during Yellow Fever,	30 00—	280 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		20 00
Total Expenditures,		$1,346 75

Remarks.—This Parish, without a Rector for five years, seems now far more vigorous, with regular services. The year's Report of Charities and Benefactions is of a larger amount than the amounts of many previous years added, and there is a promise of general growth. The Rector has been able to give one 5th Sunday to St. David's Dallas Co., where he baptized an infant.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector.

May 7th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 3; infants, 3,	Total,	6
Communicants—In 1870, 63; removed, 11; added, 16,	Present No.	68
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	Not known.	
Total Parishioners,		68
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars, 35,	Total,	42
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		10
Confirmations,		12
Marriages,		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$1,600 00	
Convention Fund,	165 00	
Current Expenses,	176 40	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	1,301 55—	$3,642 95
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		102 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home,	50 00	
Diocesan Missions,	26 50—	76 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		7 50
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,		86 00
Total Expenditures,		$3,914 95

Remarks.—The most the Rector can say of St. James' Church, is that she is working vigorously, and looking confidently for great success.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. Smith, Rector.

May 10th, 1871.

Communicants—in 1870, 14; removed, 2,	Present No.	17
Baptized Persons not Communicats,		22
Total Parishioners,		39
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 21,	Total,	25

Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,			
Confirmations,			
Marriages,			
Funerals,			
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			—
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 332 00		
Convention Fund,	75 00—	$ 407	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		49	75
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		13	45
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South,		16	50
Total Expenditures,		$486	70

REMARKS.—In this part of St. Stephen's Parish, and west of the Parish, are six (6) communicants who are not in the reported list of the membership of the Parish.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 6; infants, 57,	Total,	63
Communicants—In 1870, 379: died, 8; removed, 21,	Present No.	410
Sunday School—Teachers, 35; scholars, 275,	Total,	310
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, every Sunday; private, 12,	Total,	64
Confirmations,		25
Marriages,		20
Funerals,		69
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,		10

Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$2,500 00		
Convention Fund,	605 00		
Current Expenses,	1,327 00—	$4,332	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	174 85		
For Lay Association and Sheltering Arms,	1,583 70—	1,758	05
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		314	75
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South,	30 00		
Increase of the Ministry,	300 00		
Irish Church Society,	54 00—	384	00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,		400	00
Total Expenditures,		$7,188	80

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.—Rev. S. U. SMITH, Rector.

May 10th, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 16; died, 1; removed, 2,	Present No.	16
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		20
Total Parishioners,		36

Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,			9
Confirmations,			2
Marriages,			3
Funerals,			2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 500 00		
Convention Fund,	75 00		
Repairs of Church Edifice,	200 00—	$775 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		34 55	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		22 35	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South,		5 90	
Total Expenditures,		$837 80	

REMARKS.—In the lower part of the county there are three confirmed persons who have never communed in this Parish, nor are they numbered with the communicants reported.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, (since last Convention),		3
Communicants—In 1870, 28,	Present No.	46
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		37
Total Parishioners,		83
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 25,	Total,	28
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		11
Marriages,		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 300 00	
Repairs of Church Edifice, &c.,	210 00—	$510 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Communion Alms,		51 25
Total Expenditures,		$561 25

REMARKS.—It is much to be regretted that circumstances at present will not allow more than a monthly ministerial service at this place. For the Church here, although in a healthy condition, does not grow as it doubtless would under more frequent ministrations.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 7th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 2; infants, 13,	Total,	15
Communicants—In 1870, 40,	Present No.	45
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		43
Total Parishioners,		88
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 30,	Total,	35
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		6

Confirmations,.....
Marriages,.....
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms,.....$ [illegible]

REMARKS.—On the 19th of April we laid the corner-stone of a Church to [illegible] erected at this place, which will be completed, at most, by the 1st of O[illegible]ber. Our prospects here continue to brighten, and we look forward to a [illegible] not far distant, we hope, when this will be a self-supporting Parish.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO.—Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, Rec[illegible]

May 10th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants,.....
Communicants—In 1870, (including Dayton,) 40; removed 2; present No., St. Michael's, 32: Dayton, 10, } .... Total,
Total Parishioners,.....
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,.....
Confirmations,.....
Marriages,.....
Funerals,.....
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector to date,.....	$ 351 00	
Convention Fund,.....	123 50	
Repairs of Church Edifice,.....	774 00—	$1,348 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home for Orphans,.....	52 55	
Diocesan Missions,.....	200 00	
Mobile sufferers during Yellow Fever,.....	20 00	
Bishop CORBS' Monument,.....	122 50—	395 05
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Increase of the Ministry,.....		10 00
Total Expenditures,.....		$1,773 55

REMARKS.—Reported to this Parish by the Rev. Mr. STICKNEY, and registered in Parish Register, as from Dayton, 1 infant baptized and 1 confirmation; as from Linden, 1 baptism of an infant, and 3 communicants.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. R. D. NEVIUS, D. D., Rector.

May 12th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 4; infants, 66,.....Total, 70
Communicants—In 1870, 323; died, 12; removed. 5,.....Present No. 339
Baptized Persons not Communicants—By approximation,..... 842
Total Parishioners,.....1,181
Sunday School—Teachers, 24; scholars, 308,.....Total, 332
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 46; private, 5,.....Total, 51
Confirmations,..... 26
Marriages,..... 17
Funerals,..... 29
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$1,625 00	
Convention Fund,	74 00	
Current Expenses,	278 20	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	394 00	
Sunday School expenses,	81 00—	$2,452 20
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	86 70	
Other than from the above,	150 00—	236 70
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home for Boys,	100 00	
Diocesan Missions,	23 55	
Collected at Fowl River for their Church,	208 00	
Collected in St. John's Parish for same,	50 00—	381 55
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
From the Sunday School, for Bishop PIERCE,	50 60	
Foreign Missions,	48 50	
Increase of the Ministry,	25 55	—124 65
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,		88 28
Total Expenditures,		$3,283 38

REMARKS.—The Rector makes thankful acknowledgment to the Church at Montgomery, (St. John's) and the Church at Selma, (St. Paul's) for ministering to our necessities during the prevalence of the yellow fever. From the former, $62 75, and from the latter, $37 25 was sent to us in our need. He would also gratefully record the kind attentions and official services of his brethren, the Parochial Clergy of the city, during his own illness at that time.

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND, DALLAS COUNTY.

Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—White, adults, 1; infants, 3,	Total,	4
Confirmations—White,		3
Funerals—White,		6
Communicants—White, at last Report, 22; added, 2; died, 1,	Present No.	23
Total Communicants,		23
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		42
Communions administered,		12
Collections—Diocesan Missions,		$ 38 95
Domestic Missions,		11 25
For Church Purposes generally,		460 00
Total,		$510 20

Time spent in the Parish in the performance of its regular duties since last Report, 11 months, of two services per month, and a few holydays.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., Rector.

May, 1871.

Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 45,	Total,	50
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Confirmations—(Elsewhere, but from St. Mary's),		4
Parochial Expenditures,		$600 00

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA.

April, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 23; died, 2; removed, 4,.....Present No.	17
Baptized Persons not Communicants,.....	11
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 35,.....Total,	39
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 1; private, 1,.....Total,	2
Confirmations,.....	1
Marriages,.....	2
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions,.....	$40 00

REMARKS.—Our Parish has been without regular service for several years. We are anxious to have a Rector—the feeling of the community outside of the Church never more favorable. We can raise $500 and furnish board and a horse to a single man, to fill two appointments, 15 miles distant. We hope for help through the Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. PEARSON.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, CLAIBORNE, MONROE COUNTY.

May, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 23; died, 2; removed, 3,.....Present No.	18
Baptized Persons not Communicants,.....	19
Total Parishioners,.....	37
Marriages,.....	1
Funerals,.....	2

REMARKS.—We have no Minister, but have a house used by the Church, which will answer. The members or communicants of this Parish desire a Minister sent here to preach once a month, and think they can raise one hundred and fifty dollars towards paying a preacher, and would suggest that the Minister who would be stationed at Camden, Wilcox County, could give this place a visit once every month, and keep the Parish together.

H. J. SAVAGE.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL, MOBILE COUNTY.

The undersigned would respectfully submit to the Bishop of the Diocese the following Report of St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, where he has been officiating, by appointment, since last August:

Present number of Communicants,.....	24
Baptized Persons not Communicants,.....	52
Total Parishioners,.....	76
Sunday School—Teachers, 9; scholars, 75,.....Total,	84
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,.....	6
Confirmations,.....	5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since appointment,.....	9
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
University of the South,.....$	9 70
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,.....	153 45
Total Expenditures,.....$	163 15

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. DAMUS, Officiating Rector.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE.

May, 1871.

Communicants—in 1870, 22; died, 1, ... Present No.		21
Baptized persons not Communicants,		17
Total Parishioners,		38
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Confirmations,		8
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,		7
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 150 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	8 00	
Total Expenditures,	$158 00	

REMARKS.—The prospects of this Church are very good. Our members are generally poor, and do not pay much. If we were able to employ a persevering, energetic, labouring Minister, we would soon have a large membership. Our Bishop visited us on Good Friday, and preached two sermons, baptized 5, and confirmed 5. His preaching and influence had great effect.

L. M. WHETSTONE.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

May 8th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 3; adults, 4, ... Total,			7
Communicants—In 1870, 38; died, 1, ... Present No.			49
Baptized Persons not Communicants,			21
Total Parishioners,			70
Sunday School—Teachers, 6; scholars, 35, ... Total,			41
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,			13
Confirmations,			7
Funerals,			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,			9
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 613 55		
Convention Fund,	27 50		
Repairs of Church Edifice,	1,657 59		
Sunday School Purposes,	15 00—	$2,314 74	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		54 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,	12 50		
Bishop COBBS' Monument,	20 00—	32 50	
Total Expenditures,		$2,401 24	

REMARKS.—Of the communicants reported above, seven are not connected with this Parish or any other. The sum reported under "Repairs of Church Edifice" has really been expended on the Rectory. Our Church having been destroyed by a storm, it was resolved to build first a Rectory, of which one department might be used for Church purposes. On this has been expended altogether, more than $2,000. It is evident that the interests of the Church are materially suffering for want of a building suited to the wants of a rapidly increasing population. Our Church people, in what they have done, have al-

ready gone beyond their means; but they are still hopeful and determined. The "Church Building Association" has now on hand something more than $200, in addition to which must be reported $28 50—the children's Easter Offering for the foundation of the new Church, and $15 through the Editor of the "Southern Churchman," from a "lady in Leesburgh, who desires that her name be not mentioned." The Church here possesses a large and eligible lot in the heart of a town which is daily growing in size and importance.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.—Rev. T. LEWIS BANISTER, Rector.

May 8th, 1871.

Baptisms—Infants, 4; adults, 8,	Total,	7
Communicants—in 1870, 45; died, 1; added, 13,	Present No.	57
Baptized persons not Communicants,		79
Unbaptized,		10
Total Parishioners,		146
Sunday School—Teachers, 11; scholars, 57,	Total,	68
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 3; private, 1,	Total,	4
Confirmations,		17
Marriages—In Parish, 4; outside of Parish, in Georgia, 1,	Total,	5

Number of Months spent in Parish since last Report, 8, of three weeks to each month.

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 300 00	
Convention Fund,	82 50	
Current Expenses,	70 33	
Arrearage 1869–70,	60 00	
Organ and Fence,	515 00—	$1,027 83
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	9 60	
Easter Offering—Sunday School,	23 40—	33 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	12 15	
For Yellow Fever Sufferers—about	45 00—	57 15
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		10 50
Other Contributions for Church Purposes—About,		15 00
Total Expenditures,		$1,143 48

REMARKS.—Entered on duty by assignment, after vacation of one month in Virginia, September 22d, 1870. Ordained Presbyter, March 5th, 1871, and accepted permanent call to this and the Parish at Evergreen. The prospects of the Church in St. Thomas' Parish are very encouraging. The good seed sown by the founder of the Parish, Rev. Mr. JARRATT, (now dead), is bringing forth precious fruit. It is gratifying to see the affectionate regard with which his memory is cherished in the Parish. This Parish is also much indebted to the labors of Rev. Mr. TICKNOR—whom we all have yet among us in the Diocese to love and respect. To a friend in New York we are indebted for a donation of $50 for the Church. To the exertions of the ladies and the Treasurer of the Parish we owe the organ and fence, on the former of which there is still due $54, which we hope—GOD willing—to pay very soon, Owing to circumstances, all who were lately confirmed have not communed; but some confirmed in years past have communed for the first time. The people here have done well. Their lack is ability, not will.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN.—Rev. T. LEWIS BANISTER, Rector.

May 8th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 3: infants, 1,	Total,	4
Communicants—In 1870, 15; added, 9,	Present No.	24
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		16
Unbaptized,		5
Total Parishioners,		45
Sunday School—Teachers, 4; scholars, 11,	Total,	15
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		2
Confirmations,		7
Marriages,		1

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, 8, one week in each month.

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector,	$55 00
Convention Fund,	25 00
Current Expenses,	18 60
Sunday School,	5 00
Total Expenditures,	$103 60

(Communion Alms added in current expenses.)

REMARKS.—Entered on duty at the same time and under same conditions, as Deacon and Presbyter, as at Greenville. The Parish presents satisfactory evidences of growth. It is as yet, but a Mission, both in financial ability and in a true knowledge of the scope of the Church. Those who are able, however, contribute freely and willingly—and there is every prospect of its increased power, under the strengthening power of GOD'S Holy Spirit. This Parish is also the result of the labors of Rev. Mr. JARRATT (now entered into rest) and others. May GOD bless the people for whom they labored, and whom they so much loved, for CHRIST'S sake. Amen.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILMER PARISH, WHISTLER.

May, 8th, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 17; infants, 20,	Total,	37
Communicants—In 1870, 45; removed 3; added, 4,	Present No.	46
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		110
Total Parishioners,		156
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 53,	Total,	63
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Confirmations,		18
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		7

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector,	$ 336 00	
Convention Fund,	25 00	
Current Expenses,	44 00	
Repairs of Church Edifice,	1,000 00—	$1,405 00

Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—

Communion Alms,	21 05	
	68 75—	89 80
Total Expenditures,		$1,494 80

Right Rev. and Dear Sir:—Since the 23d of September last it has been my privilege to work in the town of Whistler in the service of our Blessed Master, and I herewith present a report of the result of my labors. Since last Convention, the Church in this place (freed from debt) has been consecrated to the worship of ALMIGHTY GOD, and we beg to be known among our brethren as "St. Paul's Church, Wilmer Parish."

Very sincerely, yours in CHRIST,

J. W. KEEBLE.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH,—TALLASSEE.—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.

May 2d, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 29; removed, 4,.....Present No.			29
Baptized Persons not Communicants,.....			15
Total Parishioners,.....			44
Sunday School—Teachers, 10; scholars, 50,.....Total,			60
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,.....			10
Confirmations—No visitation of the Bishop.			
Funerals,.....			3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report.....			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,.....	$1,200 00		
Convention Fund,.....	50 00		
Current Expenses,.....	40 00		
On Life Insurance Policy of Rector,.....	250 00—	$1,540 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....	80 94		
Altar Service,.....	40 00		
Christmas Tree,.....	46 50—	167 44	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,.....		2 25	
Other Contributions,.....		101 05	
Total Expenditures,.....		$1,810 74	

CANEBRAKE MISSION.

FAUNSDALE, May 11th, 1871.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father: In submitting to you a report of my past year's labours, I am unable to fill out the blank "Parochial Report," as you direct, from the character of my work.

Since the first Sunday of January, my monthly services in St. Wilfrid's, Marion, have been discontinued—being requested no longer by the Vestry. Up to that date, my ministrations will appear in the Warden's report of the Parish.

In Dayton, my monthly appointments have been met, with some exceptions from causes beyond control. The Holy Eucharist was administered Easter Day, to some ten communicants. They are reported as registered in the nearest regular Parish; also, a confirmation and an infant baptism, as well as their contributions. I baptized an infant in Linden, the counnty town of Marengo, and held public services, with preaching. Three communicants are there.

In McKinley, I have also held public services and celebrated two marriages. The Church has one communicant there. My official acts at these points have been registered in the nearest Parishes.

At such distances and over our roads, even if time permitted, I have not been equal in bodily strength to meet regular appointments in these places.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

mmunion, ... 1
s—Infants, ... 8
es, ... 2
s, ... 8
ten or twelve partook of the Holy Communion, Low Sunday.
rvices here have been more than once a month, on Sundays, besides in week days. I am trying Processional singing with the young, and ;," rather than "saying," in other parts of the service.
ndays, with occasional week (Church and National) days, have been l in my missionary sphere, unless hindered by the weather, or rendertance to neighboring Parishes and Convocations.

Your Ob't Serv't and Son in the Church,
W. A. STICKNEY, Presbyter.

CROSS KEYS.

May 2d, 1871.

s, ... 1
nicants—In 1870, 12; died, 2; removed, 5, ... Present No. 5
l persons not Communicants, ... 1
arishioners—(Of one family), ... 6
School—Teachers, 3; scholars, 20, ... Total, 23
ions of Holy Communion—Public, ... 3
ations—(No. visitation by the Bishop.)
s—2 by the Rev. R. W. MICOU; 1 by myself, ... Total, 3

RKS.—At this point, where there is no Church organization, and which Missionary Station, I have officiated four times since May last. There but one Church family left at Cross Keys. The Sunday School, com- f children from Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian families, is taught ladies, two of whom are communicants, in a private parlor.

B. F. MOWER.

DEGA MISSION, TALLADEGA.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

May 7th, 1871.

s—Adults, 2; infants, 10, ... Total, 12
nicants—In 1870, 10, ... Present No. 34
l Persons not Communicants, ... 46
arishioners, ... 80
School—Teachers, 2; scholars, 15, ... Total, 17
ions of Holy Communion—Public, ... 2
ations, ... 13
of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, ... 12

al Expenditures—

Rent of Church Edifice	$ 131 25	
Fitting up Room	67 75—	$199 00
s and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		8 70
Total Expenditures,		$207 80

RKS.—The progress of the Church at this place is really very encour- Our great need is a house of worship. We have a commodious room , but the rent is a heavy expense; besides, it is not like having a house ted to GOD's service.

SEAL'S STATION MISSION.—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Missionary.

May 10th, 1871.

Baptisms,	3
Communicants—In 1870, 9; added, 9, ...Present No.	18
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	16
Total Parishioners,	34
Sunday School—Teachers, 5; scholars, 22, ...Total,	27
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	1
Confirmations,	2
Funerals,	2
Number of Months spent at Station since last Report,	12

ST. MARKS' CHURCH, PRATTVILLE.

April 12th, 1871.

Communicants—In 1866,	10
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	16
Total Parishioners,	26

Remarks.—St Mark's Church has had no Minister since 1866, Rev. J. F. Smith. Two of the best members have gone to the Methodist Church on account of no Ministry.

Respectfully,
L. M. WHETSTONE.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.—Rev. W. J. Perdue, Rector.

May, 1871.

Baptisms,		1
Communicants—In 1870, 20, ...Present No.		24
Baptized Persons not Communicants—(Not known.)		
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public, 4; private, 1, ...Total,		5
Confirmations,		4
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$ 25 00	
To purchase Church Building,	450 00	
For Organ,	300 00—$	775 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		18 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		5 50
Total Expenditures,		$799 00

Remarks.—The Parish was organized and Vestry elected, Feb. 18th, 1871.

GUNTERSVILLE MISSION.—Rev. T. J. Beard, Missionary.

May 5th, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 8, ...Present No.	8
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	12
Total Parishioners,	20
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,	4

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Missionary,	$ 40 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms,	23 30
Total Expenditures,	$ 63 30

MADISON STATION MISSION.—Rev. T. J. Beard, Missionary.

May, 1871.

Baptisms—Adults, 1; infants, 4, Total,	5
Communicants—In 1870, 11; died, 1; removed, 1, Present No.	12
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	39
Total Parishioners,	51
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,	4
Marriages,	1
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms,	$ 10 95

ATHENS MISSION.—Rev. T. J. Beard, Missionary.

May 5th, 1871.

Communicants—In 1870, 7; removed, 1, Present No.	7
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	8
Total Parishioners,	15
Celebrations of Holy Communion—Public,	1
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Missionary,	$ 70 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
Communion Alms,	5 00
Total Expenditures,	$ 75 00

Remarks.—Only three services were held at this point during the year, though the Missionary paid several visits when no services could be held for want of a room.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, MOBILE.

May, 1871.

The undersigned, who has for some years been doing for the colored congregation as much as the duties of his own Parish would allow, can only say that the enterprise is about in the condition reported at last Convention. He has good hope that its special want, a proper Church edifice, will be supplied before another year shall have rolled away.

J. A. MASSEY.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Committee on Finance

AND TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Committee on Finance ask leave to make the following report:

They have carefully examined the account of MR. WILLIAM BARNEWALL, JR., Treasurer, and find the same to be correct. It appears from his report that he has received since his last annual report, including the balance then in his hands, the sum of.....$ 5,970 90
and has paid out the sum of..... 5,057 30

leaving in his hands a balance of.....$ 913 60

It appears from his report that the parishes and missionary points, in arrears, are as follows:

St. Mary's, Tallassee,.....$	27 50
St. Paul's, Whistler,.....	18 75
Trinity, Florence, ...	67 50
St. Alban's, Gainesville,.....	57 50
St. Luke's, Jacksonville,.....	16 25
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,.....	24 50
St. Paul's, Carlowville,.....	27 50
St. David's, Dallas County,.....	50 00
Grace Church, Portland, Dallas County,.....	5 70
Guntersville Mission, ...	25 00
St. Peter's, Lowndes County,.....	25 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,.....	22 60
Madison Station Mission, ...	24 75
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro,.....	20 00
St. Paul's, Decatur,.....	16 50
St. Mark's, Greene County,.....	7 50
St. James', Livingston,.....	50 00
St. John's, Mobile,.....	225 00
Total,.....$	710 55

In view of the prevalence of Yellow Fever in Mobile last Fall, and the death of some of the most valuable and liberal members of that congregation, the committee would recommend that the balance of the assessment of $225 00 due from St. John's Church, Mobile, be remitted. The committee also recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be paid by the Treasurer to the Secretary to defray his expenses in attending the Convention.

The committee would state that the sum of five thousand and five hundred dollars will be required to meet the wants of the Diocese for the current year, and recommend that the Bishop's salary be allowed to remain at four thousand dollars for the coming year.

To raise this amount, the committee know of no better plan than the present assessment upon the parishes and mission points, and they therefore recommend that the assessment adopted by the last Convention, with the addition of ten per cent. thereon, as prescribed by a resolution of said Convention, be allowed to remain unchanged, and that the same be adopted for the current year, and that the Treasurer be required to collect the same from the several parishes and missionary points.

Your committee have again to acknowledge the valuable services of the Treasurer, and of his assistant, Mr. Henry Barnewall, of Mobile.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

DIOCESAN TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

For the Year ending May, 1871.

Wm. Barnewall, Jr., *Treasurer*,

In account with The Diocese of Alabama.

DR.

1870.	May 12.—To Balance,			$1,009 20
	" *Trinity Church, Demopolis.*			
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71,			165 00
	" *St. John's Church, Montgomery.*			
1870.	August 11.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71...	$175 00		
"	Nov'r 16.— " " " " ...	175 00		
1871.	Feb'y 14.— " " " " ...	175 00—		525 00
	" *Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.*			
1870.	July 23.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71...	55 00		
"	Nov'r 16.— " " " " ...	55 00—		110 00
	" *Church of the Holy Cross.*			
1870.	Dec'r 1.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....			60 00
	" *Christ Church, Mobile,*			
1871.	Febr'y 6.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71...	200 00		
"	April 10.— " " " " ...	200 00		
"	" 28.— " balance " " ...	480 00—		880 00
	" *St. Paul's Church, Selma.*			
1870.	July 26.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71...	100 00		
1871.	March 31.— " " " " ...	200 00		
"	April 27.— " balance " " ...	50 00—		350 00
	" *St. Andrew's Church, Marion.*			
1871.	Feb'y 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....			82 50
	" *St. Paul's Church, Decatur.*			
1870.	August 2.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....			5 50
	" *Madison Station.*			
1870.	August 2.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....			8 25
	" *St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.*			
1870.	August 22.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71...	43 75		
"	Dec'r 11.— " " " " ...	36 50		
1871.	April 12.— " balance " " ...	112 25—		192 50
	Carried forward,			$3,387 95

	Brought forward,		$[illegible]
	To St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.		
1871.	April 12.—Cash on account assessment 1871–72.....		[illegible]
	" *St. John's Church, Elgton.*		
1870.	May 19.—Cash balance assessment 1869–70.....	25 00	
"	August 29.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	15 00—	[illegible]
	" *St. Mary's Church, Tallassee.*		
1870.	August 15.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	17 50	
"	" 22.— " " " " ..	10 00—	27 50
	" *St. Michael's Church, Marengo.*		
1871.	April 5.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		68 00
	" *St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.*		
1870.	August 11.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	27 50	
1871.	March 1.— " " "	72 50—	100 00
	" *St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.*		
1870.	August 11.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		13 75
	" *St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.*		
1870.	Nov'r 16.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		27 50
	" *Mission, County Line.*		
1870.	Sept'r 9.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	12 50	
"	Dec'r 20.— " " " " ..	36 80—	49 30
	" *St. John's Church, Mobile.*		
1871.	April 12.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		50 00
	" *Calvary Church, Pushmataha.*		
1870.	June 28.—Cash balance assessment 1869–70.....	35 00	
"	" "—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	3 00—	38 00
	" *St. James' Church, Livingston.*		
1870.	June 28.—Cash balance assessment 1869–70.....	30 00	
"	" "—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	5 00—	35 00
	" *St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.*		
1871.	Feb'y 2.—Cash balance assessment 1869–70.....	60 00	
"	" "—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	25 00—	85 00
	" *Athens Mission.*		
1870.	August 5.—Cash balance assessment 1869–70.....	8 00	
"	" "—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	1 00	
1871.	March 22.— " " " " ..	26 50—	35 50
	" *Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.*		
1871.	March 23.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		200 00
	" *Emmanuel Church, Opelika.*		
1871.	Feb'y 22.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		27 50
	" *Trinity Church, Mobile.*		
1870.	August 26.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		151 25
	" *St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.*		
1870.	August 20.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		12 40
	" *St. Mark's Church, Greene County.*		
1870.	August 2.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	12 00	
1871.	Feb'y 1.— " " " " ..	35 00	
"	March 29.— " " " " ..	28 00—	75 00
	" *St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.*		
1870.	August 2.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	10 00	
"	" 23.— " " " " ..	8 75	
1871.	April 11.—Cash balance assessment 1870–71.....	56 25—	75 00
	Carried forward,		$[illegible] 15

	Brought forward,		$4,506 15
	To St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.		
1870.	August 18.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	10 00	
"	Dec'r 16.— " " " " ..	10 00—	20 00
	" *St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.*		
1870.	August 5.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71..	6 25	
"	Dec'r 3.— " " " " ..	6 25—	12 50
	" *Talladega Mission.*		
1870.	August 26.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		6 25
	" *St. Paul's Church, Whistler.*		
1870.	August 2.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		6 25
	" *Montevallo Mission.*		
1870.	Sept'r 9.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		6 25
	" *Hayneville Mission.*		
1871.	May 4.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		25 00
	" *Trinity Church, Mobile.*		
1871.	May 4.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		453 75
	" *St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		57 50
	" *St. John's Church, Montgomery.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		175 00
	" *St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		10 00
	" *St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		12 50
	" *Church of the Holy Cross.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		50 00
	" *St John's Church, Elyton.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		40 00
	" *St. James' Church, Eufaula.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		165 00
	" *St. Michael's Church, Marengo.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash on account assessment 1870–71.....		55 75
	" *Montevallo Mission.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		19 00
	" *Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71...		240 00
	" *Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.*		
1871.	May 10.—Cash in full assessment 1870–71.....		110 00
			$5,970 90

CR.

	By Diocese of Alabama.	
1870.	May 14.—Paid R. M. Nelson, on account $75 appropriated to defray expenses, stationary, &c.....$	40 00
	" *Diocese of Alabama.*	
1870.	May 17.—Remitted Col. N. H. R. Dawson, Certificate of Deposit, Southern Bank of Ala., to pay premium to Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Co., on life of Bishop R. H. Wilmer, due 26th inst.....	129 25
	Carried forward,.....	$169 25

	Brought forward,.....	...$169 25
	By Diocese of Alabama.	
1870.	June 22.—Paid R. M. Nelson balance appropriated to defray expenses, stationary, &c.....	35 00
	" *Diocese of Alabama.*	
1870.	July 13.—Paid for postage stamps.....	3 00
	" *Bishop R. H. Wilmer.*	
1870.	July 28.—Paid him on account salary 1869–70.....	700 00
	" *Diocese of Alabama.*	
1870.	August 6.—Paid T. S. Bidgood's bill stationery.....	4 00
	" *Diocese of Alabama.*	
1870.	August 24.—Paid R. M. Nelson, Secretary, draft in favor Henry Farrow & Co., for printing Journal..	339 75
	" *Bishop R. H. Wilmer.*	
1870.	August 26.—Paid him in full, salary 1869–70.....	376 80
	" *Bishop R. H. Wilmer.*	
1870.	Dec'r 20.—Paid him on account salary 1870–71.....	500 00
1871.	Feb'y 6.— " " " " "	400 00
"	" 13.— " " " " "	247 50
"	March 11.— " " " " "	272 50
"	April 18.— " " " " "	950 00
"	" 28.— " " " " "	559 50
	" *Annuity of Mrs. Cobbs.*	
"	May 10.—Paid Rev. R. H. Cobbs..... .....:	500 00
	By Balance,.....	913 60
Total,.....		$5,970 90
1871.	May 10.—To balance cash on hand.....	$913 60

WM. BARNEWALL, JR., Treasurer,
Per HENRY BARNEWALL.

APPENDIX D.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS.

To the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave respectfully to submit the following Annual Report:

Under the Resolution of the last Convention, authorizing the Trustees to cancel and return the notes embraced in Schedule A, appended to their last Report, the undersigned have returned all of the notes embraced in said Schedule, to the several Parishes, or have destroyed them in those cases where the Parish organizations are not maintained. The notes of the Clergy have also been returned to them.

The account of the Treasurer will show what collections have been made, and how they have been invested.

The Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, have complied with the terms of the compromise of the debt due by the Trustees of Hamner Hall, and have given their note for Five Thousand Dollars, bearing date 11th April, 1871, and payable on the 1st May, 1875. This note is secured by mortgage on the Hamner Hall property, with power of sale in case of default in the payment of the annual interest or of the principal at maturity.

The Bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Rivers Railroad Co. will be collected in the course of a few months, as the mortgage securing them has been foreclosed, and the property sold, under the decree of the Federal Court at Montgomery.

The Fund now embraces the following solvent securities:

7 Bonds Ala. and Miss. Railroad Co., $500,	$3,500
Interest unpaid, about	1,500
Note of St. John's Vestry,	5,000
7 Bonds Selma Gas Co., $500,	3,500
Making	$13,500

This statement does not include the outstanding individual subscriptions, from which will probably be realized about $1,000; nor the Bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company, of Florida, from which we hope something will also be saved.

It will thus appear that from fourteen to sixteen thousand dollars, will be collected from the assets which were turned over to the undersigned in August, 1868.

The undersigned have no suggestions to make other than those contained in former reports, in regard to the importance of increasing this Fund to an amount that will provide the Bishop's salary without assessments upon the Parishes.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
A. G. MABRY,
GEO. O. BAKER.

May 10th, 1871,

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In account with BISHOP'S FUND.

1870. *DR.*

May 14.—To balance Cash on hand,			$194 91
" 21.— " Cash am't note D. Minge and R. H. Adams,	$142 52		
" " — " " Note D. and G. W. H. Minge,	587 52		
" " — " " " D. Minge,	108 00—		838 04
July 18.— " " " G. W. H. Minge,	271 65		
" 25.— " " " T. B. Taylor,	200 00		
" " — " " " J. W. Taylor,	50 00		
" " — " " " M. J. Conley,	108 00—		629 65
Sept'r 5.— " " Amount of Coupons of Bonds of Selma Gas Co., on Bonds No. 12, 13, 31, 32, 36, 37,			120 00
1871.			
March 1.—To Cash amount Coupons on same Bonds collected,			120 00
May 1.— " Amount Interest on Note Chas. T. Pollard,	$ 20 00		
" " — " Interest Note P. T. Sayre,	8 00		
" " — " " " Dr. T. A. Harrison,	16 00		
" " — " " " Vestry of St. John's Parish,	400 00—		444 00
" " — " " " Mrs. A. T. Randolph,	8 00		
" " — " " " Mrs. A. S. Pasteur,	4 00		
" " — " " " T. C. Osborn,	4 00—		16 00
			$2,362 60

1870. *CR.*

May 24.—By Cash paid for two Bonds of Selma Gas Light Co., Nos. 31 and 32, each for $500,	$950 00
May 27.—By Cash paid Express charges on Package of Bonds to Pensacola,	1 50
July 18.—By Cash paid for 1 Bond, No. 13, of Selma Gas Light Co., $500, at 90c.,	450 00
Sept'r 5.—By Cash paid for Bond of same description, No. 12,	470 00
May 5.—By Cash paid for Bond No. 2, at 95c.,	475 00
May 10.—By Balance on hand,	16 10
	$2,362 60

AN ACT

To incorporate the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, in the Diocese of Alabama.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama, in General Assembly convened*, That Asa B. Winn, David Files, and E. Wolsey Peck, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," and by that name and style may sue and be sued, in any Court of Law or Equity; may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; and may take and hold real and personal estate to the value of fifty thousand dollars, and sell and dispose of the same in such manner as may be most for the benefit of said fund.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the trustees hereby incorporated, may hold their office until the next annual convention of said Church, and until their successors be duly elected and qualified.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the convention of said Church, at each annual meeting thereof, shall have power to elect three trustees of said fund, and the trustees so to be elected, shall hold the said fund subject to said convention, and in the management, investment and application of the same, shall be governed by such rules and regulations as the said convention may from time to time prescribe.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if at any time, between the annual meetings of said convention, a vacancy shall happen by the death, resignation, or removal, or otherwise, of any one or more of said trustees, such vacancy or vacancies may be filled by the standing committee of said church.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if a trustee shall at any time desire to resign, he may do so by a written resignation to be signed by him, and addressed to the President of said standing committee.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, that all donations and promises to pay money, or other thing, heretofore made to any person or persons, the object and intent of which was to support the Episcopate of said Church, in said diocese, shall by virtue of this act, vest in said trustees and their successors in office; and that no donation or promise hereafter to be made for the purpose aforesaid, shall be lost or defeated, by reason of any want of description or misdescription of the donee or promisee: *Provided*, the intention of the donor or promiser can be made to appear: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the Legislature from altering or repealing this act.

Approved, January 24, 1845.

APPENDIX E.

Account of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,

In account with DIOCESAN MISSIONS OF ALABAMA.

1870. *DR.*

May 10.—To Balance,			$839 83
Christ Church, Mobile,			107 60
Trinity Church, Mobile,			314 45
St. John's Church, Mobile,			23 50
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	$408 55		
Discount on check received May 18, 1870,	1 19—		407 36
St. Michael's Church, Marengo,			160 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,			39 60
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,			275 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,			88 30
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',			115 40
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,			22 85
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,			13 45
St. James' Church, Livingston,			13 50
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,			23 85
St. Paul's Church, Selma,			55 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,			48 15
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,			39 45
Grace Church, County Line,			63 65
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,			12 40
St. James' Church, Eufaula,			26 50
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,			12 15
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,			5 70
St. David's Church,			30 15
St. Andrew's Church,			51 30
Dayton,			10 85
Greenville,			37 70
Central Convention,			331 55
Rev. W. A. Stickney,			100 00
Rev. T. J. Beard,	$60 00		
Discount on Exchange,		75—	59 25
			$3,328 06

1870. *CR.*

By Bishop Wilmer's Drafts in favor of—

May	17.—Rev. W. J. Perdue,	$100 00
"	21.—Rev. J. F. Smith,	100 00
"	31.—Rev. F. B. Lee,	188 54
June	13.—Rev. S. M. Bird,	100 00
"	28.—Rev. J. F. Smith and Trinity Church, Demopolis,	128 80
July	5.—Whistler Mission,	150 00
"	9.—Rev. T. J. Beard,	150 00
"	18.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	100 00
Aug.	6.—Rev. J. F. T.,	100 00
"	15.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	100 00
"	" —Rev. T. L. Banister,	60 00
"	26.—Mission Books and Tracts,	50 00
Sept'r	2.—Rev. T. J. Beard,	125 80
Oct'r	4.—Rev. W. J. Perdue,	100 00
"	17.—Rev. T. J. Beard,	100 00
Nov'r	5.—Rev. J. F. Smith,	100 00
"	14.—Rev. C. P. Rodifer,	155 00
"	26.—Rev. J. W. Keeble,	100 00
Dec'r	7.—Rev. DeB. Waddell,	100 00
"	31.—Mission Purposes,	25 00
1871.		
Jan'y	2.—Rev. J. F. Smith,	100 00
"	16.—Rev. T. J. Beard	100 00
"	20.—Rev. C. P. Rodifer,	100 00
Feb'y	11.—Whistler Church,	32 40
"	18.—Rev. C. P. Rodifer,	100 00
"	" —Rev. J. F. Smith,	11 40
March	9.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	12 40
"	" —Rev. DeB. Waddell,	26 00
"	15.—Rev. J. F. Smith,	100 00
"	17.—Mrs. M. S. Murry,	100 00
"	21.—Rev. DeB. Waddell,	50 00
April	21.—Rev. D. F. Hoke,	70 00
"	5.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	50 00
"	21.—Seal's Station Mission,	21 40
May	3.—Rev. J. W. Keeble,	50 00
"	8.—By Balance,	271 82
		$3,328 06

1871.
May 8.—To Balance, $271 82

JOSEPH W. FIELD, Treasurer.

MOBILE, May 8th, 1871.

APPENDIX F.

Registrar's Report.

Since entering upon the duties of Registrar, I have received for safe keeping as follows:

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen, Conecuh County.
Grace Church, Portland, Dallas County.
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee, ——— County.

TITLE DEEDS, &c.,

TO THE FOLLOWING CHURCH PROPERTY:

Fowl River Church, Mobile County.
Church Home, Mobile County.
St. Paul's Church, Whistler, Mobile County.
Calvary Church, Pushmataha, Choctaw County.
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville, Sumter County.
Decatur Mission, Morgan County.
Athens Mission, Limestone County.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Episcopal sentence of Consecration of St. Paul's Church, Whistler.
Journal of the General Convention of the P. E. Church in the U. S., of the year 1868.

Col. ROBT. S. BUNKER, of Mobile, has kindly deposited with me for safe keeping, a copy of the Journals and Canons of the Diocese of Alabama, from 1830 to 1859, well bound, in two volumes. By the diligence and courtesy of Rev. Dr. FULTON, of Mobile, I hope soon to have a third volume to add to these, completing the Record of the Diocese to the present year. He informs me that he now needs the Journal for one year only, to fill this set. He also informs me that he has two other sets of the Journal completed except four numbers; and that he has a large majority of the numbers towards completing a third. It is to be hoped that members of the Clergy and Laity will assist this gentleman in his efforts to complete these volumes of the history of the Church in Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. MACARTNEY, Registrar.

May 10th, 1871.

APPENDIX G.

Report of the Committee on the System of Convocations.

The Committee to which was referred the subject of Convocations, begs leave to report, that in its opinion, no means for promoting the extension of the Church is more worthy the attention of this Convention. It has become evident in the sight of the experience of this Diocese and of other Dioceses, that something more than mere voluntary action among the Clergy is necessary to make the system effective to the ends desired. Former Conventions of this Diocese have gone so far as to plan a division of the Diocese into Convocational Districts, and to recommend that the Clergy in those Districts form themselves into "Convocations," so called; but these recommendations have had no more weight than they might be expected to have. The Standing Resolutions of 1869 are as a dead letter, encumbering the Journals. Your Committee therefore ask the action of the Convention on the plan of a Canon submitted, as follows:

TITLE I. CANON VIII.

OF CONVOCATIONS.

§ 1. The Diocese is divided into five Convocational Districts, with the centres at Montgomery, Mobile, Selma, Demopolis and Huntsville, respectively, within each of which shall be organized a Convocation or Association for Church work, composed of all the Clergy resident within its limits, and two Lay Deputies from each Parish, under such rules and regulations as each Convocation for itself may enact; the Bishop of the Diocese being ex-officio President.

§ 2. No Convocation shall make any rules or regulations conflicting with the Constitution and laws of the Church in the United States or in the Diocese.

§ 3. Each Convocation shall assemble as often as once in every quarter, at some point to be determined by itself within its boundaries.

§ 4. Each Convocation shall make an annual report, through its Vice President and Secretary, to the Diocesan Convention, of its proceedings, specifying particularly the amount of Missionary work rendered and of Missionary Funds collected and expended, and such other information as the President may desire.

§ 5. The Vice President of each Convocation shall be appointed by the Bishop, or the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, and confirmed by the Diocesan Convention.

Your Committee would further recommend that an especial place in the "Rules of Order" be assigned to "Convocational Reports," and that this, if possible, be between the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports.

J. H. TICKNOR, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

Minority Report of the Committee on Canons.

A minority of the Committee on Canons, to whom was referred the matter of the necessity of the concurrence of the three Orders of Bishop, Clergy and Laity in order to the validity of any positive legislation of the Diocesan Convention, beg respectfully to report for the information of the Convention—

1. That, in their judgment, to question the validity of the legislative action of our Diocesan Conventions as at present constituted, would be to unsettle every act ever passed by any and all of the Dioceses of our Church, and of the General Convention itself; for in only one Diocese of the American Church does the Bishop enjoy the right of exercising even a limited veto power. If, therefore, the express assent of the Bishop is necessary to the validity of Diocesan action, hardly any action had by our Diocesan Convention is now, or ever has been valid; the General Convention, which is, in part, a creature of Diocesan legislation, has been established without valid authority, and our Book of Common Prayer is a body of doctrine and of worship which has never yet been lawfully set forth, and has consequently no just claim on our conformity. To state these results of denying or calling in question the *validity* of the acts of Diocesan Conventions as now constituted, is a *reductio ad absurdum* of the question raised.

2. Whether the Bishop ought to have a co-ordinate legislative power with the Clergy and Laity of the Convention of his Diocese, is a question wholly different, but it does not, in the judgment of the Committee, admit of an unqualified answer, either in the affirmative or negative. Under the Canons of the General Convention a Bishop may be presented and brought to trial, not only for offending against the Constitution and Canons of the P. E. Church in the United States, but also for a violation of the Constitution and Canons of his own Diocese; and if the Bishop has no effectual vote in the making of his Diocesan Canons, your Committee cannot but think that his position is an anomaly in equal government for he is subjected to the operation of laws in the passage of which he has no vote, personal or representative. It is as great an anomaly in the Church—for it reduces the Bishop to the position of a father who is governed in his own house by the orders of his sons. Your Committee are therefore prepared to recommend a change of our present arrangements in so far as they conflict with the natural and ecclesiastical rights of the Bishop.

3. But the Committee is not prepared to recommend that the Bishop be clothed with any other power of veto over the united voice of Clergy and Laity in Convention assembled. It is asserted by some that not only the Apostles, but their immediate successors, had complete control, legislative and executive, over the Church within their several jurisdictions, but such is far from having been the case. The holy and inspired Apostles, indeed, had unquestioned and supreme jurisdiction over the Church, and this jurisdiction was both universal and unlimited. Not so with their immediate successors, the primitive Bishops, who were uninspired men, and whose jurisdiction was not universal, but local—not limited, but restricted, and not supreme, but subordinate to a higher power than that of any individual Bishop.

The primitive Bishop was, in his Parish, as a Father and as a Prince; but then he was the Father of a household of grown sons, and Prince of a community of free men. He was required to consult his Clergy and inform them of his acts. All fiscal matters were required to be transacted by a Steward of the Diocese. The Presbyters and Deacons were his almoners, and it was through them that the Church charities were done. In all his acts he was required to act according to the Canons made expressly for his government. If he did anything unjust, the injured had a sure and speedy remedy. The Bishops of every Province were required to meet in open Synod once at least in every six months, and that both for settlement of doctrinal disputes and for the hearing of appeals against the acts of individual Bishops. Failing a decision in the Synod of the Province, an appeal might then be laid before a greater Synod of the Diocese, whose sentence was supreme—the Diocese, as it was then called, being composed of several Provinces. Thus, as a safeguard against Episcopal injustice, usurpation or mal-administration, the primitive Church provided a superior and supreme court, in which his acts and sentences were open to a searching scrutiny, and revision and reversal, if found to be wrong or inexpedient.

In our Church, as at present constituted, we have no such safeguards. The Provincial Courts and Synods have been utterly abolished, and their offices have been taken and divided between the General Convention, which is simply the Great Synod of a Diocese—in the ancient sense of the word Diocese—and our local Councils or Conventions. It speaks well for the Church and for Churchmen that so few apparent mischiefs have resulted from this crippled Constitution; but, while it exists as it does now, it would be rash, to say the least, to take away from the Laity or Clergy that right of self-protection which is not even now as strongly guarded as it ought to be by the self-government secured to us in our Conventions. At this moment a Laymen is liable to be excommunicated by a partial, ignorant, or unrighteous Priest, and cut off from the Sacraments and every other christian privilege; and what is more, if the Priest is sustained by the Ordinary, the Layman must submit, for he has no appeal from even the unjust judgment of these two men. He must live in excommunication, and when dead he is deprived of christian burial. In the case of Clergymen the matter is no better. It is even worse. For every Priest of the Church is liable, at any time, to be unrighteously accused of immorality or heresy, and if he then be tried by an ignorant or partial court and condemned by an ill-advised Bishop, he is liable to be suspended or deposed and excommunicated, and has no appeal to any court of justice save the judgment seat of God. Under these circumstances, your Committee cannot advise the Clergy and Laity of this Convention to renounce or to endanger the only power of self-protection which is left them in the right of free self-government and legislation which remains to us in our Conventions.

But, it will be asked, how would the Bishop's right to veto acts or resolutions of Conventions take away from our power to protect ourselves? Simply enough. Power is always tenacious, and nearly always avaricious. It is often jealous, and however we may trust the man who wields it, we ought never to forget the tendency of human nature, even when guided more or less by the Divine Grace. Every lawyer here knows that in the course of years, during which there is a constant tendency to heedlessness on the part of the governed and an unceasing tendency to vigilance on the contrary part, the mere use of the veto power is sufficient to effect a radical revolution of our present system and the utter abrogation of our present too restricted powers of self-protection.

4. Your Committee, therefore, recommend the passage of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That our Constitution and Canons be so amended as to give the Bishop a right to veto any Canon of the Diocesan Convention which, in the concurrent judgment of the Bishop and Convention, shall have reference to his official rights or duties.

2. *Resolved*, That under present circumstances, it is not expedient that the Bishop should have any further veto on the few acts of Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be requested, and our Deputies to General Convention be instructed in the name of this Convention to appeal to that supreme legislature of our Church to take into its wise consideration the means which may be necessary for the organization of a system of true primitive and catholic Sees, united into Provinces, which shall be required to hold their Synods at short intervals and act as courts of appeal in causes ecclesiastical.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN FULTON, Chairman.

AN ACT

To amend an act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Alabama, and enable said Church to provide for the orphans and widows of soldiers and other destitute persons.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Alabama*, That an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Alabama, and enable said church to provide for the orphans and widows of soldiers and other destitute persons," approved December 12, 1864, which is in the following words:

"SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Alabama in General Assembly convened*, That the Right Reverend RICHARD H. WILMER, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and his successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a corporation, by the name of 'Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama,' and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, and exercise all the powers incident to such religious corporations, and not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this State.

"SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if there should be a vacancy, by death or otherwise, in said office, such vacancy shall not cause the dissolution or lapse of said corporation; but the standing committee of said church shall be regarded as succeeding to said Bishop, for the purposes of this act, until his successor shall be elected and enter upon his office.

"SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the said corporation may acquire money, and real or personal estate of any description whatever, not exceeding one million dollars, in specie, or its equivalent, by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or purchase, for the use and benefit of said church, or the asylums hereafter provided for in said diocese; and all such property shall be exempt from taxation, and may dispose of the same by gift, conveyance, or otherwise, at the pleasure of said corporation.

"SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation be, and they are hereby empowered, to establish in the city of Tuskaloosa, and at such other place or places in the State of Alabama as they may deem proper, an asylum or asylums, by such names as they may deem proper, for the orphans and widows of soldiers, and for other destitute persons; and for the support and maintenance, education, and training of such orphans, or other children, and also for the support and maintenance of other destitute persons.

"SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the Bishop of said diocese for the time being, and, if there be no Bishop, the standing committee of said church, as the head of said corporation, may make all such rules and regulations for the

government of such asylums, and appoint such suitable agents and officers thereof, as they may deem proper; and for satisfactory reasons remove such agents, and provide for the management and disposition of the property of said corporation, and by the corporate name may receive and dispose of any money, real estate, or other property whatever, for the benefit of such asylums.

"SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all property, real or personal, heretofore given or conveyed to any person for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Alabama, or held in trust for the same, shall vest in the said corporation, as though given or conveyed thereto by its corporate name; and no devise, bequest, gift, grant, or conveyance heretofore made for the benefit of said church, or of any asylum such as contemplated by this act, or which shall hereafter be made for the use or benefit thereof, or of any asylum herein contemplated, in the city of Tuskaloosa, or elsewhere in said State, shall fail for want of a sufficient description, or of a competent person to take, or for any other reason whatever, but the same shall vest in said corporation by the name given by this act,"—be, and the same is hereby amended, by adding at the close of the sixth section of said act the following words: "And the said corporation shall report to the diocesan convention of the State of Alabama the property which, from time to time, may belong thereto, and what disposition, if any, shall have been made thereof; and said diocesan convention shall have, and in its discretion exercise, a general supervision and control in regard to property belonging to said corporation"—so that said act, as amended, shall read as follows:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Alabama*, That the Right Reverend RICHARD H. WILMER, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, and his successors in office, be, and they are hereby, created a corporation by the name of "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," and by that name may sue and be sued, defend and be defended, and exercise all the powers incident to such religious corporations, and not inconsistent with the laws and constitution of this State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That if there shall be a vacancy, by death or otherwise, in said office, such vacancy shall not cause the dissolution or lapse of said corporation, but the standing committee of said church shall be regarded as succeeding to said Bishop for the purposes of this act, until his successor shall be elected and enter upon his office.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation may acquire money, and real or personal estate, not exceeding one million of dollars, in specie or its equivalent, by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or purchase, for the use and benefit of said church, or of the asylums hereafter provided for in said diocese; and all such property shall be exempt from taxation; and may dispose of the same by gift, conveyance, or otherwise, at the pleasure of said corporation.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said corporation be, and they are hereby empowered to establish in the city of Tuskaloosa, and at such other place or places in the State of Alabama as they may deem proper, an asylum or asylums, by such means as they shall deem proper, for the orphans and widows of soldiers, and for other destitute persons, and for the support and maintenance, education and training of such orphans or other children, and also for the support and maintenance of other destitute persons.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the bishop of said diocese, for the time being, and, if there be no bishop, the standing committee of said church, as the head of such corporation, may make all such rules and regulations for the government of such asylums, and appoint such suitable agents and officers thereof as they may deem proper, and for satisfactory reasons, remove such agents, and provide for the management and disposition of the property of said corporation, and, by the corporate name, may receive and dispose of any money, real estate, or other property whatever, for the benefit of such asylums.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That all property, real or personal, heretofore given or conveyed to any person for the benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Alabama, or held in trust for the same, shall vest in

the said corporation, as though given or conveyed thereto by its corporate name; and no devise, bequest, gift, grant or conveyance, heretofore made, for the benefit of said church, or of any asylums such as contemplated by this act, or which hereafter shall be made for the use or benefit thereof, or of any asylum as herein contemplated, in the city of Tuskaloosa or elsewhere in this State, shall fail for want of a sufficient description, or of a competent person to take, or for any other reason whatever, but the same shall vest in said corporation by the name given by this act, approved December 12, 1864; and the said corporation shall report to the diocesan convention of the State the property which from time to time may belong thereto, and what disposition, if any, may have been made thereof; and the said diocesan convention shall have, and in its discretion exercise, a general supervision and control in regard to property belonging to said corporation.

SEC. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That this act and all the powers of said incorporation, shall be of full force and effect from and after the date of its passage; and all laws and parts of laws contravening the provisions of this act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 8, 1871.

Report of the Trustees of the University of the South.

The undersigned Trustees of the University of the South beg leave respectfully to report, that they attended the annual meeting of the Board, at University Place, Sewanee, Tennessee, on the 11th July, 1870.

With the exception of the Bishops of North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, the Bishops of the ten Southern Dioceses, under whose patronage this noble Institution was founded, were in attendance. A large number of the Clerical and Lay Trustees from these Dioceses were also present. We may be allowed to say that this session was probably more important in its results than any since the foundation of the University.

The meeting was protracted on account of the important subjects brought before the Trustees for their consideration, and resulted happily in the adoption of the University plan of education, so long contemplated, and the organization of the several schools

Of Ancient Languages;
Of Modern Languages;
Of Mathematics;
Of Metaphysics;
Of Civil Engineering;
Of Chemistry;
Of Moral Science, and the Evidences of the Christian Religion.

Professors were elected to fill all of these Chairs, except that of Moral Science. The gentlemen who were placed in charge of these schools were chosen on account of their known reputation and excellence, and they are now faithfully discharging their respective duties.

The success of this institution has been singularly flattering. From a small beginning in August, 1868, it has become an accomplished success, having near two hundred students at this time. The point of difficulty is the want of present means. This, we trust is only temporary. Nature has made the locality one of the most charming in the South. Its healthfulness and the beauties of its scenery have been too often described by the eminent and sainted Father in God, whose mission it was to select it as the great central heart of Church education in the South, to require any attempt of the kind on our part.

In this connection, we beg to call your attention to the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, which accompanies this Report. This Report contains several plans for raising a fund to erect the permanent buildings of the University, which we heartily commend to your consideration.

The following subscriptions have been obtained by the undersigned, in the form of the bonds suggested by the Committee, and have been forwarded to Dr. H. M. Anderson, the General Treasurer, to-wit:

J. L. Perkins, St. Paul's Church, Selma,	$100 00
Geo. O. Baker, " " "	100 00
Wm. J. Hardee, " " "	125 00
Wm. M. Brooks, " " "	200 00
R. M. Nelson, " " "	200 00
John P. Mitchell, " " "	500 00
N. H. R. Dawson, " " "	500 00
D. P. Lewis, Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	250 00
W. W. Gouth, " " " "	250 00
Lucien Mathews, " " " "	50 00
James Mathews, " " " "	50 00
R. W. Walker, " " " "	100 00

The undersigned cannot conclude this Report without expressing their confidence in the management of the institution, and cordially recommend it to the patronage and support of the members of our Church in this Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. M. BANISTER,
N. H. R. DAWSON.

HUNTSVILLE, May 12, 1871.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.—ADOPTED, AND ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED, BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY, 1870.

The Committee of Ways and Means respectfully report—

That with all the information laid before them, they have carefully considered the general financial condition of the University, and are gratified in being able to state that the receipts from tuition have paid the salaries of the teachers, with other expenses, besides a loan for improvements, leaving still a small surplus on hand.

The following debts, which are found to be pressing, must be paid as soon as possible, viz:

Amount borrowed of School Fund,	$1,385 80
Balance due J. Jackson,	514 20
Simmons & Phillips,	1,800 69
Robbins & Co.,	400 00
Morton & Co.,	50 00
Wilson & Co.,	60 00
B. F. Nichol,	165 00
Hamilton & Cunningham,	118 00
Nash & Colley,	45 00
	$4,488 69

In addition to this, there is a small outstanding indebtedness, most of which has been provided for.

The Committee also find that the erection of certain buildings, with other improvemeuts, is deemed a matter of immediate importance, viz:

Additional School Building,	$1,500 00
Residence for Head Master,	2,500 00
Laundry and Improvements,	1,000 00
Bathing Rooms,	300 00
New Dormitory,	1,250 00
Infirmary,	800 00
Bakery,	300 00
Temporary Water Closets,	100 00
Contingencies,	500 00
	$8,250 00

Amounting in all, with what may be added as contingencies, on account of indebtedness or increased expenditure, to the round sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars. To raise this amount, there are no resources immediately at command, with the exception of a small sum, which may be realized shortly from the original subscriptions, a full statement of which subscriptions in detail, it is impossible now to give.

As a matter, therefore, of urgent necessity, and as the most practicable mode, not only of accomplishing the desired object, but also of meeting other and more pressing wants which may shortly be felt, the Committee recommend that the Trustees in every Diocese and in Arkansas, be earnestly re-

quested to procure at least one hundred subscriptions of one hundred dollars each, payable, one-tenth in cash, and the balance in semi-annual installments of one-tenth, until the whole shall be paid; and that the General Treasurer be instructed to provide and distribute printed forms for such subscriptions. And, in order the more effectively to carry out this plan, it is further recommended that the Bishops be requested to encourage the effort in such manner as they may deem best in their respective jurisdictions; and that the Rectors of Parishes or others, be urged to assist, as special agents, in procuring subscribers.

Should this plan succeed, as we have every reason to believe will be the case, the cash payment of one-tenth (being only ten dollars) will yield ten thousand dollars—possibly more, greatly relieving the present necessity, and securing the regular collection of the same amount at the end of every six months.

In addition to this the Committee confidently look for a large increase from the next Advent Offering over that of the past year, and recommend that the Conventions or Councils of the several Dioceses be requested, at their next annual meeting, to take such action as may prosper the work of the "Offering;" that the Bishops be requested to bring the subject to the notice of their Clergy at least one month before the day appointed for the same; and that the Secretary of the Board be instructed to communicate this action to the Bishops and Diocesan Secretaries, with the urgent wishes of this Board.

In order, also, to further these objects by diffusing information regularly, and exciting interest in the University, the Committee recommend the purchase of a hand press, with the necessary material, and the publication at University Place, of a Monthly University Record, to be distributed in all the Parishes and congregations throughout the South; the Executive Committee being authorized to take the necessary steps to these ends.

But, with the successful operation of the one hundred dollar subscription fund, and the steady increase of the Advent Offering, even beyond our largest expectations, we will fall very far short of that which the great work of the University will demand for its enlargement on a permanent basis, within a few years to come. The Committee are persuaded that there is but one way in which this demand can be met and our fondest hopes be realized, and *that*, in reliance with GOD'S blessing, on our own people; for they should be taught from this time forward, in carrying on this noble undertaking, to rely upon themselves.

One hundred thousand dollars will be wanted in the next few years for the erection of permanent buildings, with the necessary apparatus, &c., on a scale commensurate with the general plan contemplated by our Constitution and Statutes. In addition to this, it is not too early in our history to look to an endowment of at least a half million dollars, the interest of which will be adequate to meet the demands of a great Church University for the millions who will teem throughout this Southern land in the time to come.

To this end, and as the only effective or even possible mode to be adopted for its accomplishment, the Committee earnestly recommend the appointment by this Board, at its present meeting, of a Commission, consisting of two Bishops, to enter as soon as may be upon the prosecution of the work, and to continue to act until their noble mission shall be accomplished. Your Committee believe that the invaluable services of such a Commission can be secured. They feel confident that we have the Bishops who will, if thus called upon, give themselves with self-sacrificing devotion to the arduous undertaking—following the lead of those departed Fathers in GOD who illustriously led the way, and whose mantles are even now ready to fall on their successors who may come after them, in due time, to receive their reward.

And we believe, furthermore, that the Dioceses which may thus be deprived of the services of their Bishops while engaged for a portion of their time, from year to year in this work, will cheerfully consent to the seeming loss, in view of the incalculable benefits, not only to themselves, but to the Church at large

in all the Dioceses, through the years to come; and that they will esteem it a distinguished privilege to send forth their chief pastors for the hastening on of so fondly hoped and glorious consummation.

The Commissioners, in addition to their main design, would have peculiar facilities for calling the attention of the faithful who are blessed with means, to the duty of providing by *will* for the University, after the example of the late Mrs. FRANCES T. D. TAYLOR, of Baltimore, the first benefactor, and she a stranger, who has been found to bequeath to us a legacy, and who will ever be esteemed as of blessed memory by the generations to come.

The labors of the Rev. O. P. THACKARA will doubtless be found to have prepared the way, to some extent, for the work of the proposed Commission. The coming fall will be propitious for the undertaking, and each succeeding season of prosperity but the more so thereafter. The cause we have at heart is worthy of the effort. The blessings of Heaven, already so largely vouchsafed to us, will continue, we humbly trust, to be enjoyed. Our people, once fully aroused as they will be by such an appeal, to a full sense of what we would fain provide in this cherished school of learning for their children and their children's children will, we are persuaded, give liberally of their substance; and we look forward in faith and unshaken confidence, to the results to be attained.

Your Committee, in conclusion, recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions, to-wit:

Resolved, 1st—That the Trustees in every Diocese, and in Arkansas, be requested, by themselves, and through the Rectors of Parishes and others, to procure at least one hundred subscriptions of one hundred dollars each, or more if possible, payable, one-tenth in cash, and the balance in semi-annual installments, of one-tenth, until the whole shall be paid; and that the General Treasurer be instructed to provide and distribute printed forms for such subscriptions.

Resolved, 2d—That the Conventions or Councils of the several Dioceses be requested, at their next annual meetings, to take such action as may prosper the work of the "Advent Offering," and that the Bishops be requested to bring the subject to the notice of their Clergy, at least one month before the day appointed for the same, and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate this action to the Bishops and Diocesan Secretaries, with the earnest wishes of the Board.

Resolved, 3d—That the Executive Committee be instructed to purchase a hand press, with the necessary material, as soon as practicable, and to issue at University Place, a monthly University Record, for general distribution.

Resolved, 4th—That the Bishops of Tenneesee and Alabama be appointed Commissioners for the performance of the work recommended in the foregoing report, with the earnest request that they will enter on the same at their earliest convenience.

Resolved, 5th—That the Secretary be instructed to have printed, and provide for the extensive circulation, without delay, of the foregoing Report and Resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEXANDER GREGG, Chairman.
A. TOOMER PORTER,
L. N. WHITTLE,
J. B. KERSHAW,
H. M. ANDERSON.

JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA., May 10th, 1871.

According to previous notice, the "Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen," met in the Old Parish Church of the Nativity, at 6 o'clock, P. M. Rev. R. A. COBBS, of the Diocese of Tennessee, was elected Chairman, and Rev. R. H. COBBS, Secretary. Mr. BIERNE, the Treasurer, presented his Report, which was referred to a Committee of two, Rev. Mr. GHOLSON and Col. DAWSON.

Society then, on motion, adjourned, to meet at the same place on the following day at the same hour.

May 11th, 1871—6 o'clock, P. M.

Society met pursuant to adjournment. Col. DAWSON made a Report from the Committee on Treasurer's Report.—(See Appendix A.) Report received and adopted. On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, a vote of thanks was returned to Mr. G. P. BIERNE, Treasurer. On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, Society went into election of officers. Col. DAWSON nominated for President, Mr. GEO. P. BIERNE, who was unanimously elected. Col. DAWSON nominated for Treasurer, Mr. JOSEPH MARTIN, who was unanimously elected. Rev. Mr. HANSON nominated for Secretary, Mr. R. M. NELSON, who was unanimously elected. On motion, it was resolved that the Convention be respectfully requested to have the proceedings of this Society published as an Appendix to the Journal. On motion, it was resolved that the Chairman appoint a Committee of two to request the Rector of the Church of the Nativity to grant them an evening, during session of Con-

vention, for bringing this subject before this congregation. Rev. Mr. HANSON and Mr. BIERNE were appointed on this Committee. Rev. R. H. COBBS was nominated and elected Preacher for next year, and Rev. S. M. BIRD was nominated and elected Alternate. On motion it was

Resolved, By the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen in the Diocese of Alabama, That the friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese be earnestly solicited to become annual members of the Society, by the contribution annually of the sum of Five Dollars, and that the Rector of the Parish of the Church of the Nativity, and the Rectors of the several Parishes of the Diocese be requested to read this Resolution from the desk, at such times as they shall consider advisable and proper.

On motion, Society adjourned.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

[APPENDIX A.]

Report on Accounts of Treasurer of Society for Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report and Account of Mr. GEORGE P. BIERNE, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen of the Diocese of Alabama, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said account, and report that they have also examined and seen the original entries of the investment of the money collected during the war in Confederate securities, and that they find the same correct. They also approve the suggestions made by the Treasurer in his Report and would recommend their adoption.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without expressing their entire satisfaction at the manner in which the affairs of the Society have been managed by the Treasurer, and they recommend that the thanks of the Society should be tendered to him for the skill and faithfulness with which the interests of the Society have been managed and guarded.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN Y. GHOLSON,
N. H. R. DAWSON.

May 11, 1871.

GEORGE P. BIERNE, *Treasurer*,

In account with

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CLERGYMEN, &C. IN THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1868.	April 4.—To dividend on Memphis and Charleston R. R. Stock..	$616 31
1869.	June 4.—To dividend on Memphis and Charleston R. R. Stock..	648 75
		$1,265 06

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1868.	June 8.—By Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs.....	$380 00	
..	.. .. —" " Charlotte Derby.....	50 00	
1869.	July 7.—" " L. H. L. Cobbs.....	160 00	
1870.	Dec. 4.—" " " "	160 00	
1871.	May 6.—" " " " to date, ...	160 00—	$910 00
	Balance in hands of Treasurer,.....		$355 06

GEO. P. BIERNE, Treasurer.

HUNTSVILLE, May 6, 1871.

Balance Sheet of the Books of the Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, &c., of the Diocese of Alabama.

Folio.			
50.	Bills Receivable,.....		$ 40 00
70.	Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Bonds, ...		500 00
71.	Memphis and Charleston Railroad Bonds,.....		21,625 00
72.	Annuity Account, ...		580 00
74.	Confederate States of America, ...		3,500 00
100.	Cash in Confederate Treasury Notes,.....		1,183 91
Folio.			
1.	Stock Account,.....	$10,211 82	
69.	Interest Account,.....	5,445 09	
80.	Profit and Loss, ...	11,772 00	
		27,428 91	$27,428 91

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Society for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen, and of the Wido and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall consist of such of the Clergy of the Dioc of Alabama as shall comply with the conditions hereinafter to be prescrib and of such charitable Laymen as shall contribute the annual sum of five d lars. All members shall be alike entitled to votes in the meetings of the ciety, but the Clerical members shall alone be entitled to its relief.

ART. 2. The officers of the Society shall be a President, Secretary, a Treasurer, to hold their several offices during good behavior; but the Bish if he be a member, shall be President. The President, or if there be no Pr dent, the Secretary shall be competent to summon special meetings of the ciety, giving due notice of time and place. The Secretary shall faithfully p serve the records of the Society. The Treasurer shall manage and expend funds agreeably to the direction of the Society, and shall give bond in su sum as shall be deemed sufficient by the Society from time to time. Ann meetings shall be held during the session of the Diocesan Convention, and all meetings seven shall constitute a quorum: *Provided*, however, that no propriation shall be made, unless at an annual meeting, or a special meeti where a majority of the Clerical members are present.

ART. 3. The Clerical members of the Society shall be arranged in f classes, according as they may select, to pay yearly the sum of ten, twen thirty or forty dollars. Lay members contributing at any time, a sum, the terest of which is equal to the sum required to constitute a Clergyman a me ber of a certain class, may designate the Clergyman to whose benefit such c tribution shall enure, and the Clergyman so designated shall derive the sa advantages therefrom as though it were contributed by himself. Any Cleri member who may prefer to pay at one time a sum sufficient to produce at terest, the amount of ten, twenty, thirty or forty dollars, shall thereupon constituted a life member of the first, second, third or fourth classes, and in c of his disability or death, shall be entitled to the same advantages as if he h paid an annual subscription equivalent to said interest. Any Layman m become a life member by the contribution of fifty dollars.

ART. 4. Every Clerical member on entering the Society shall pay one d dar and a half for every year of his age exceeding thirty. His first contri tion shall be paid in advance, and every succeeding one on or before the 1 day of May, under the penalty of 12½ per cent. per annum on his original s scription for each year's default, and whenever the penalties shall equal sum heretofore subscribed by him, he shall no longer be accounted a memb but shall forfeit all his rights, except he shall afterwards comply with su terms as the Society shall deem equitable. And whereas, certain persons h contributed to this Constitution, the Secretary shall make a fair estimate what they have paid, and give them that standing in the Society to which th are thus entitled, according to the class in which they may elect to enter.

ART. 5. Every Clerical member who shall marry more than once, sh pay one year's subscription extraordinary at every such marriage.

ART. 6. If a Clergyman become disabled, or die, and of such disability the Society shall judge, he, or his family, shall be entitled to an annuity thus proportioned, viz: *three* times the amount of his annual subscription if he has made *five* payments.

4	times	the	amount,	if he	has made	more than	5,	less than	10.
5	"	"	"	"	"	" 10,	"	"	15.
6	"	"	"	"	"	" 15,	"	"	20.
7	"	"	"	"	"	" 20,	"	"	25.
8	"	"	"	"	"	" 25.			

Should any Clerical member being still connected with the Diocese, choose to withdraw from the Society he shall receive no compensation for the money which he has contributed; but his widow and children shall be entitled to 10 per cent. upon the money contributed, which shall be paid as an annuity for the period, and under the conditions prescribed in the case of other annuities. And any contributor removing from the Diocese, although he can no longer be considered as a member of the Society, may remain a contributor, and in case of his disability or death, he or his family shall be entitled to the same benefits as if he had remained in the Diocese. But if it should be inconvenient for him, after his removal, to continue his subscription, he shall then be repaid the sum which he shall have advanced, penalties excepted, with simple interest not exceeding 5 per cent. on each contribution, during the time the Society shall have used the money. Each contributor shall abide by that class which he first entered, except upon the following conditions: If he desire to go from a lower to a higher class, he shall pay the difference between his former and his new rate of subscription, for all the years during which he has paid the smaller sum, together with interest thereon, computed at the compound rates. If he change from a higher to a lower class he shall be repaid the difference between his two rates of subscription during the term of his subscribing without any interest thereon.

ART. 7. Annuities shall be paid widows during life, unless they marry again; in which case, their annuities shall cease, and fall to their children entirely, if they have any, agreeably to the laws of the Society; and children, if males, shall enjoy annuities until they be twenty-one years old; and if females, until they be twenty-five years old, unless they previously marry, upon which their annuities shall cease.

ART. 8. If there be a child and no widow, such child shall be entitled to the whole annuity, during the time that he or she continues to be an annuitant; but if there be more than one child, and no widow, the annuity shall be equally divided among them until they severally marry, or exceed the age of annuitants, which annuity shall be laid out in their education or apprenticeship, with the advice of such guardian or executor as the father may have nominated, and if none such shall have been nominated by the father, then in such manner for the benefit of the child or children as the Society shall direct.

ART. 9. If there be a widow and one child, the annuity shall be equally divided between them; but if the widow should marry or die before the child shall have attained (if male) twenty-one years, or if a female, twenty-five, the whole of the annuity shall belong to such child during the period to which he or she may be entitled thereto, and if the child should die before the mother, or when the child may come to the age herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity shall go to the mother, she having remained a widow, and shall be enjoyed by her during the period of her natural life, if she remain a widow, but if she should marry again, nothing shall be paid her after the period of her marriage. If there be a widow and two or more children, the widow shall have one-third during her widowhood or natural life, and the remainder shall be equally divided among the children, and if a child should die, or when such may arrive at the age of twenty-one years, if a male, or twenty-five, if a female, his or her share shall be enjoyed by the remaining children till the males or male arrive at the age of twenty-one, and the females or female at the age of twenty-five, *Provided*, always, that when death shall have reduced the number of children

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to one, or the arrival of the children at the ages herein prescribed, shall have reduced the children entitled to annuities to the number of one, the annuity shall be equally divided between such child and the widow during the period of her natural life, or of her remaining a widow; and that if death should remove all the children, or when they may have arrived at the ages herein prescribed, the whole of the annuity go to the widow if she be still alive and remaining a widow, and be enjoyed by her during the period of her natural life, or the term of her widowhood. But it shall be always lawful for a member of the Society to make such disposition by his will, of the rights to which his subcriptions may have entitled his family, as he may see fit.

ART. 10, The donations already made, or which may be hereafter made to this Society, together with the subscriptions of lay-members, shall constitute a separate fund. The benefit of it shall be applied to such Clergymen and their families as shall be in special need, whether or not they have been members of this Society, as may, from time to time, seem expedient: *Provided*, however, that no portion of the funds of the Society shall be expended for the relief of any person whatever, until its entire capital shall have reached the sum of *five thousand dollars*, nor shall the Society at any time appropriate more than its yearly income.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered at an annual meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Society shall hold its annual meeting upon the second day of the session of the Diocesan Convention.

2. A sermon shall be preached and a collection taken up in furtherance of its objects at each Convention; the Preacher and an Alternate to be designated twelve months beforehand by the President of the Society.

3. Every Clergymen connected with the Society, shall bring its claims to the attention of his congregation once a year, and take a collection in furtherance of its objects.

PARISH OR CHURCH.	When admitted into Union.	Baptisms. Adults.	Baptisms. Infants.	Baptisms. Total.	Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	Communicants. At last Report.	Communicants. Added.	Communicants. Died.	Communicants. Removed.	Communicants. Present Number.
Christ Church, Mobile,	1830	7	21	28	16	10	43	320	33	15	13	32
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	1830	2	10	12		5	8	88	24	1	3	10
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	1830				10	9	8	108	34		4	13
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	1835		4	4	3	2	4	63		2	9	5
*St. John's Church in the Prairies,	1835											1
*St. James' Church, Livingston,	1836											3
St. John's Church, Montgomery	1837	10	45	55	31	12	29	332	32	4	10	35
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	1838				3	2	2	74	6	2	19	5
*St. Peter's Parish, Lowndes County,	1838											
§St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	1838	6	38	44	19	13	17	169	88	3	9	24
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	1839											
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	1839		3	3	4		6	56	4	1	4	5
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	1840	1	3	4		3	1	29			3	2
Trinity Parish, Florence,	1840		2	2			1	20	5	1	2	2
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	1843	3	25	28	17	5	7	158	18			17
*St. David's Church, Dallas County,	1844							11				1
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	1844		4	4	4			22	4			2
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	1845	1	4	5	4		2	32	12		2	4
St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	1845	3	3	6	12	1		63	16		11	6
St. John's Church in the Wilderness,												3
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	1846				2	2	3	14	5		2	1
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	1847	6	57	63	25	20	69	379	60	8	21	41
St. Mark's Parish, Greene County,	1847				2	3	2	16	3	1	2	1
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	1849		3	3		2		28	18			4
St. John's Church, Elyton,	1851	2	13	15	4	2		40	5			4
St. Michael's, Marengo County,	1853		5	5	3	1	3	40	4		2	4
St. John's Church Mobile,	1854	4	66	70	23	17	59	323	34	12	5	33
*St. Mary's Church Camden	1855											2
*St. Paul's Church Lowndesboro',	1856											2
Grace Church Portland,	1869	1	3	4	3		6	22	2	1		2
*Grace Church, St Stephens	1856											1
*Church of the Good Shepherd, Mobile,												5
St. Mary's Church, Mobile,	1857				4							*3
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	1858											
*St. John's Church, Madison County,	1858											1
Calvary Church Choctaw County	1859				1	2		23		2	4	1
St. James' Parish, Claiborne,	1859					1	2	23		2	3	1
St. Paul's Church, Mobile County,	1859				5							2
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	1859				8	1	2	22		1		2
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	1867	4	3	7	7		3	33	17	1		4
St. Thomas Parish, Greenville,	1867	4	3	7	17	4	3	45	13	1		5
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	1870	3	1	4	7	1		15	9			2
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,		17	20	37	18	3	3	45	4		8	4
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	1869						3	29	4		4	2
Canebrake Mission, Faunsdale,		8		8		2	8					1
Cross Keys,				1			3	12		2	5	
St. Mark's, Prattville,												1
Talladega Mission,					13			10	24			3
Seal's Station,				3	2		2		9			1
†St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,	1871			1	4	1	1	20	4			2
Rev. T. J. Beard's Missions,		1	4	5		1		26	4	1	2	2
Totals,		83	340	438	261	125	290	2709	465	61	142	330

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List of Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.....Mobile.

*REV. J. M. BANISTER, D.D., Church of the Nativity,....Huntsville.
" T. L. BANISTER, Calvary Church,.....Pushmataha.
" *T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church, ...Mobile.
" *LOUIS BISSEY, ...———
" R. A. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,.....Lowndesboro.
" RICH'D H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,.....Greensboro.
" *T. A. COOK,.....Talladega.
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,.....Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church, ...Eufaula.
" JOHN FULTON, D. D., Christ Church,.....Mobile.
" *WM. GUILFORD,.....Nicajack, Tenn.
" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....Demopolis.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,.....Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,.....Carlowville.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,. .....Mobile.
" B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church,.....Tallassee.
" W. J. PERDUE.....Hayneville.
" T. G. POND, St. Wilfrid's Church,.....Marion.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON, St. Paul's Church, Decatur,.....Huntsville.
" *C. P. RODEFER,.....———
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church,.....Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Evangelist, ...Tuskaloosa.
" W. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church,.....Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D., St. John's ..Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, Emmanuel Church,.... .....Opelika.

DEACONS.

" P. A. FITTS, Missionary in Central Alabama,.....Birmingham.
" SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., ...Montgomery.
" JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW, assisting in St. Johns',.Montgomery.
" DEB. WADDELL, Missionary in Eastern Alabama,...Seale's Station.

Those marked thus [*] were not in attendance.

Candidates for Holy Orders.

CHARLES A. BRADFORD,.....Mobile.
THOMAS W. HALL, ...Baltimore.
EDWARD L. STICKNEY,.....Marion.
PHILIP D. WOOLHOPTER, ...Eufaula.
HERBERT N. LATHROP, ...Abroad.
LEROY A. WATSON,.....Mobile.
W. J. LEMON, (by transfer from Tenn.).....Nashotah.
JAMES D. PORTER,.....Greenville.
JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, ...University of the South.
INNESS O. ADAMS,.....University of the South.
DANIEL F. HOKE,..... .....University of the South.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

Rev. PHILIP A. FITTS,.....Rev. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
B. F. HERR, Livingston.
NATHAN'L HAWKINS, Elyton.
M. R. JARVIS, Selma.
THOS. PETERS, Jr., Selma.
ASA J. ROBERTS, Mobile.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
C. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
THOS. D. COREY, Autaugaville.
EDWIN SHIELD, Uniontown.
JNO. D. HOKE, Jacksonville.
J. WITHERS CLAY, Huntsville.
DAVID MINGE, Faunsdale.
JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
WM. Y. TITCOMB, Evergreen.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro.
WM. B. MATTHEWS, Eufaula.
J. F. CLEMENTS, Hayneville.
P. PEARSON, Pushmataha.
LEROY A. WATSON, Mobile.

List of Lay Deputies.

St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw:

WM. F. PIERCE,
*D. POYNOR,
*W. L. BIRD,
*B. B. PIERCE,
*J. B. HEAD.

Trinity Parish, Demopolis:

JAMES WHITFIELD,
*H. W. REESE,
*J. R. ROBERTSON,
*D. F. PROUT,
*E. H. C. BAILEY.

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*A. S. JEFFRIES,
*A. B. PITTMAN,
*J. D. OSBORN,
A. BENNERS.

St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville:

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*J. D. ALISON,
*F. O. LOCKWOOD,
*T. B. LEE,
*P. S. H. LEE.

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C. A. BRADFORD,
*M. E. MACARTNEY,
*RITTENHOUSE MOORE,
*JOHN A. BROWN,
*ROBERT ADAMS.

St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro:

H. H. WHETSTONE,
*W. H. WHETSTONE.

St. Matthew's Parish, Autaugaville:

*THOS. D. COREY,
L. M. WHETSTONE.

St. James' Parish, Eufaula:

W. H. BRAY,
H. R. SHORTER,
M. B. WELBORN,
L. F. JOHNSTON,
*JOHN COCHRANE.

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J. J. PEGUES,
P. BRYCE,
J. H. FITTS,
*S. H. LEACH,
*JNO. J. HARRIS.

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*F. T. WOODRUFF,
*C. V. BADENHAUSEN.

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*B. H. MICOU.

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*R. H. DUGGER.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma:

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N. H. R. Dawson,
*Thomas Peters, Jr.
R. M. Nelson,
T. B. Roy.

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*J. M. Wiley,
J. C. Bellamy.

St. John's Parish, Elyton:

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*M. T. Porter,
*S. L. Robertson,
*R. N. Hawkins.

St. David's Parish, Dallas Co.:

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S. W. Pegues,
*F. M. Danesby.

Christ Church, Mobile:

Daniel McNeill,
*Wm. Barnewall, Jr.
F. B. Clark,
T. S. Fry,
Stephens Croom.

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Wm. Gessner,
*R. C. Jeter,
*J. L. Pennington,
*E. C. Bowen.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion:

*E. L. Stickney,
*P. Lockett,
*L. N. Walthall.
*S. W. McKerrell,
*J. J. Seawell.

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"HAMNER HALL," MONTGOMERY.

A Seminary for Young Ladies, under the charge of the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

"CHURCH HOME SCHOOL," SPRING HILL, NEAR MOBILE.

A Seminary for Young Ladies, under the charge of the Bishop of the Diocese.

"THE INDUSTRIAL HOME," NEAR MOBILE.

An Institution for orphaned and destitute boys, under the charge of the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

"THE CHURCH HOME FOR ORPHANS," MOBILE.

An Institution for orphan girls, under the care of a sisterhood of Deaconesses. Rector, the Bishop of the Diocese.

"SHELTERING ARMS," MOBILE.

An Asylum for the indigent, under the charge of the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

"BISHOP COBBS' ORPHAN HOME," MONTGOMERY.

Under the charge of the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

"PARISH SCHOOL," HUNTSVILLE.

Under the charge of the Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

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Committee to issue Circular Letter on Diocesan Missions.

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The credentials were referred to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, T. G. POND and P. A. FITTS.

The Committee on Credentials reported through Rev. R. A. COBBS, Chairman, and the following were found entitled to seats:

Trinity Parish, Mobile.

C. A. Bradford, M. E. Macartney, Rittenhouse Moore,
John A. Brown, Robert Adams.

Trinity Parish, Demopolis.

James Whitfield, H. W. Reese, J. R. Robertson,
D. F. Prout, E. H. C. Bailey.

St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro'.

H. H. Whetstone, W. H. Whetstone.

St. Matthew's, Autaugaville.

Thos. D. Corey, L. M. Whetstone.

St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'.

C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries, A. B. Pittman,
J. D. Osborn, A. Benners.

St. Paul's Parish, Selma.

Wm. J. Hardee, N. H. R. Dawson, Thomas Peters, Jr.
R. M. Nelson, T. B. Roy.

St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville.

H. L. Alison, J. D. Alison, F. O. Lockwood,
T. B. Lee, P. S. H. Lee.

St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville.

P. Rowan, J. M. Wily, W. C. Bellamy.

St. John's Parish, Elyton.

N. Hawkins, Ellis Phelan, M. T. Porter,
S. L. Robertson, R. N. Hawkins.

St. Mary's, Tallassee.

B. H. Micou.

St. David's Parish, Dallas County.

H. J. Winn, S. W. Pegues, F. M. Dansby.

St. James' Parish, Livingston.

J. G. Whitfield, W. R. DeLoach, B. F. Herr.

St. James' Parish, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, H. R. Shorter, M. B. Welborn,
L. F. Johnston, Jno. Cochrane.

St. John's Parish, Montgomery.

C. T. Pollard, Robert Tyler, Josiah Morris,
P. T. Sayre, Joel White.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

J. J. Pegues, P. Bryce, J. H. Fitts,
S. J. Leach, Jno. J. Harris.

St. Andrew's Parish, Macon.

H. A. Tayloe, Clarence Tompkins, W. H. Dugger,
R. H. Dugger.

St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion.

E. L. Stickney, L. N. Walthall, P. Lockett,
S. W. McKerrell, J. J. Seawell.

Their names being called, there were found present of the Lay Deputies:

Messrs. C. A. BRADFORD, L. M. WHETSTONE, W. C. BELLAMY, H. J. WINN, B. F. HERR, M. B. WELBORN, ROBERT TYLER, P. BRYCE,

Messrs. JAMES WHITFIELD, N. H. R. DAWSON, N. HAWKINS, S. W. PEGUES, W. H. BRAY, L. F. JOHNSTON, JOEL WHITE, J. H. FITTS.

Messrs. H. H. WHETSTONE, R. M. NELSON, ELLIS PHELAN, J. G. WHITFIELD, H. R. SHORTER, C. T. POLLARD, J. J. PEGUES,

Total 23, representing 12 Parishes.

A quorum of both Orders being ascertained to be present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

The election of a Secretary being the first business in order, the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW nominated R M. NELSON, of St. Paul's Parish, Selma, for re-election, which Mr. NELSON declined, and nominated the Rev. RICHARD H. COBBS, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, it was

Resolved, that Clergymen from other Dioceses, and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats upon the floor of the Convention.

Whereupon, the Rev. ALEXANDER MARKS, of the Diocese of Louisiana, appeared and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, it was

Resolved, that this Convention adopt for its government the Rules of Order of the last Convention.

On motion it was ordered that the Sessions of the Convention be daily from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M.

On motion of Mr. POLLARD, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 9th, 1872.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

There were present of the Clergy,

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. Messrs. T. L. BANISTER,	Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS,	Rev. Messrs. RICHARD H. COBBS,
J. C. DAVIS,	P. A. FITTS,	JNO. FULTON, D. D.
F. R. HANSON,	GEO. H. HUNT,	F. B. LEE,
J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	B. F. MOWER,	W. J. PERDUE,
T. G. POND,	S. U. SMITH,	J. F. SMITH,
H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr. D. D.	W. A. STICKNEY,	J. H. TICKNOR,
DeB. WADDELL.		TOTAL 20.

And of the Laity,

Messrs. W. F. PIERCE,	Messrs. C. A. BRADFORD,	Messrs. JAMES WHITFIELD,
H. H. WHETSTONE,	L. M. WHETSTONE,	C. L. STICKNEY,
A. BENNERS,	N. H. R. DAWSON,	R. M. NELSON,
T. B. ROY,	W. C. BELLAMY,	N. HAWKINS,
ELLIS PHELAN.	H. J. WINN,	S. W. PEGUES,
W. T. WALTHALL,	J. G. WHITFIELD,	B. F. HERR,
W. H. BRAY,	M. B. WELBORN,	H. R. SHORTER,
ROBERT TYLER,	JOEL WHITE,	J. J. PEGUES,
P. BRYCE,	J. H. FITTS,	W. W. DUGGER,
DANIEL McNEILL,	F. B. CLARK,	S. G. JONES. TOTAL 30.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and corrected, and as corrected, were approved.

Certificates of election of Lay Deputies were presented by the following Parishes, and reported in due form by the Committee on Credentials, and the Deputies named therein entitled to seats in this Convention.

Christ Church, Mobile.

Daniel McNeill, Wm. Barnewall, Jr., F. B. Clark, T. S. Fry, Stephens Croom.

St. John's Church, Mobile—W. T. Walthall.

St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County.

David Minge, F. T. Woodruff, M. D. C. V. Badenhausen.

St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw.

Wm. F. Pierce, D. Poynor, W. S. Bird, B. B. Pierce, J. B. Head.

The Bishop then announced the

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. S. U. Smith, Messrs. C. T. Pollard, P. Bryce, N. Hawkins, B. F. Herr.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. John Fulton, D. D., Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Messrs. W. T. Walthall, A. Benners, W. F. Pierce.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, Daniel McNeill, Josiah Morris, C. A. Bradford, W. H. Bray, J. H. Fitts, H. H. Whetstone, C. L. Stickney, Rev. H. Stringfellow, Jr., D. D., Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J. C. Davis.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. T. L. Banister, Mr. W. C. Bellamy.

The Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. read the Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese:

The members elect of the Standing Committee met at the office of Judge JONES, in Mobile, June 23d, 1871, and organized by the election of Rev. Dr. MASSEY, President, and Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, Secretary.

The Committee during the last Conventional Year, recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders—Messrs. JAMES D. PORTER, JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, IRNESS O. ADAMS and DANIEL F. HOKE.

As Candidates for Priest's Orders—Mr. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW and Rev. P. A. FITTS.

To be ordained Deacons—Messrs. T. G. POND, SAMUEL E. NORTON and JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW.

To be ordained to the Priesthood—Rev. THOS. G. POND.

The Committee, at a regular meeting, held December 11th, 1871, gave its consent to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. HOWE, Bishop elect of Central Pennsylvania.

At a meeting, held July 28th, 1871, it was

Resolved, That in the Annual Communication of the Standing Committee, the attention of the Convention be called to the fact, that in the Journal of the last Convention, certain documents appear, whose printing was not authorized by the Convention.

Signed, J. A. MASSEY, President.

On motion, the Annual Address of the Bishop of the Diocese was postponed, until after Divine Service to-day.

The reading of Parochial Reports being in order, on motion of Rev. G. H. HUNT, it was

Resolved, That the order be suspended and these Reports be placed on the Secretary's Table without being read.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being next in order, it was moved by Rev. F. B. LEE, that the Bishop appoint a Committee to nominate persons for this office. On motion of Mr. DAWSON, this motion was laid upon the table.

Mr. BRADFORD, of Trinity Church, Mobile, and Mr. WALTHALL, of St. John's Church, Mobile, called for balloting by Orders.

Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. R. M. NELSON were appointed Tellers.

The House then proceeded to elect by ballot the following

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE DIOCESE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. W. G. JONES,
Rev. JNO. FULTON, D. D.	F. B. CLARK,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	W. T. WALTHALL.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Louisiana then appeared in the House and was introduced to the Convention and invited to a seat at the right hand of the President.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention was, on motion, postponed to the next Convention.

An application for admission into union with this Convention was made by Grace Church, Clayton, through Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Mr. H. R. SHORTER and Mr. L. M. WHETSTONE.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. T. L. BANISTER:

Resolved, "That the latter portion of Article III, of the Constitution of the Diocese, after the word "*Provided;*" be amended by the omission of the words "be a Presbyter," so as to make it read as follows:

"*Provided*, That no Clerical Member shall be entitled to vote in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding. The Laymen shall consist of any number of Deputies, not exceeding five, from each Parish, chosen by the Vestry thereof from the Church within the same."

On motion of W. T. WALTHALL, the consideration of this Resolution was made the first business in order to-morrow morning.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for Divine Service; this being Ascension Day.

After Service, the Convention re-assembled, and the Bishop of the Diocese read his Annual Address. [See Appendix A.]

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as referred to the Mission work of the Church, be referred to a Special Committee of two Clergymen and two Laymen.

The Bishop appointed on that Committee,

Rev. Dr STRINGFELLOW, Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Mr. F. B. CLARK, Mr. T. B. ROY.

On motion of R. M. NELSON, it was

Resolved, That the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Church Property, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and the remainder of the Address to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions was presented and, on motion, was referred to the Missionary Committee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. MASSEY, the Parochial Reports were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 10th, 1872, 9 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

There were present of the Clergy,

The Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. T. L. BANISTER,	Rev. R. A. COBBS,	Rev. RICHARD H. COBBS,
J. C. DAVIS,	P. A. FITTS,	JOHN FULTON, D. D.
F. R. HANSON,	GEO. H. HUNT,	F. B. LEE,
J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	B. F. MOWER,	SAMUEL E. NORTON,
W. J. PERDUE,	T. G. POND,	S. U. SMITH,
J. F. SMITH,	W. A. STICKNEY,	H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr. D. D.
J. H. TICKNOR,	DeB. WADDELL.	

TOTAL 21.

And of the Laity,

Messrs. W. F. PIERCE,	Messrs. C. A. BRADFORD,	Messrs. JAMES WHITFIELD,
H. H. WHETSTONE,	L. M. WHETSTONE,	C. L. STICKNEY,
A. BENNERS,	N. H. R. DAWSON,	R. M. NELSON,
T. B. ROY,	W. C. BELLAMY,	N. HAWKINS,
ELLIS PHELAN,	H. J. WINN,	S. W. PEGUES,
W. T. WALTHALL,	J. G. WHITFIELD,	B. F. HERR,
W. H. BRAY,	M. B. WELBORN,	H. R. SHORTER,
JOEL WHITE,	ROBERT TYLER,	J. J. PEGUES,
P. BRYCE,	J. H. FITTS,	W. W. DUGGER,
DANIEL McNEILL,	F. B. CLARK,	STEPHENS CROOM.
WM. GESSNER,	T. S. FRY.	

TOTAL 81, representing 17 Parishes.

The minutes of the 9th inst. were read and approved.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, from Special Committee, presented the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the application of "Grace Church, Clayton," for union with this Convention, beg leave to report, that they have examined the Articles of Association of said Parish and find them full and explicit, and such as to constitute the new organization a true and integral part of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and would therefore recommend its admission into union with this Convention.

On motion, the report was received and this Parish admitted into union with the Convention.

T. B. ROY, Treasurer of the Diocese, under a special rule presented his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, asked permission for that Committee to sit apart from the House, which was granted.

The resolution of Rev. T. L. BANISTER, being the special order for the day, was then taken up.

Rev. Dr. FULTON and Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW united in calling for a vote by orders.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, those who voted YEA, were,

OF THE CLERGY.—Rev. Messrs. T. L. Banister, Richard H. Cobbs, F. R. Hanson, F. B. Lee, J. A. Massey, D. D., B. F. Mower, J. F. Smith and J. H. Ticknor. Total 8.

OF THE PARISHES.—Trinity Church, Demopolis; St. Paul's Church, Selma; St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville; St. John's Church, Elyton; St. John's Church, Mobile; St. James' Church, Livingston; St. John's Church, Montgomery; Emmanuel Church, Opelika. Total 8.

Those who voted NAY, were,

OF THE CLERGY.—Rev. Messrs. R. A. Cobbs, J. C. Davis, Jno. Fulton, D. D., Geo. H. Hunt, Thos. G. Pond, S. U. Smith, H. Stringfellow, D. D. Total 7.

OF THE PARISHES.—St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw; St. Matthew's Church Autaugaville; St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; St. David's Church, Dallas County; St. James' Church, Eufaula; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; St. Andrew's Church, Macon; Christ Church, Mobile. Total 8.

The Resolution was lost, not having received a majority of two—thirds, as required by the Constitution.

Rev. Dr. FULTON, from the Committee on Canons of the last Convention, made the following report:

The Committee on Canons of last Convention, to whom was committed the duty of considering the expediency of altering or amending Section four of Canon seven, Title one, with instructions to report to this Convention, beg respectfully to say, that they find no change in the said Canon to be necessary or expedient.

The Report was received and the Committee discharged.

By leave, Rev. Dr. MASSEY offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns it adjourn to meet in Trinity Church, Mobile, on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1873.

On motion, this Resolution was made the special order for 12½ o'clock to-day.

On motion, the Convention took a recess until half-past 12 o'clock to-day.

The Convention re-assembled at the hour named, and the Resolution of Rev. Dr. MASSEY being in order, Rev. Dr. FULTON moved "to strike out the words 'Trinity Church,' where they occur in the Resolution." Which was lost.

The original Resolution was then adopted.

Mr. DAWSON, by leave, presented the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and his account as Treasurer of the same; which were received and referred to a Special Committee of three: Messrs. JOSIAH MORRIS, B. F. HERR and Rev. S. U. SMITH.

Mr. DAWSON, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee beg leave to report, that they have examined the accounts of Col. T. B. ROY, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find the same, with the accompanying vouchers, to be full and correct. The Committee cannot close this report without expressing their approval of the thorough manner in which the Treasurer has performed his responsible duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

Mr. DAWSON, from the same Committee, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have fully examined the question of raising the amount necessary for the support of the Bishop and other Diocesan expenses for the current year, and have adopted an assessment upon the Parishes and Missionary Stations, which accompanies this report and is made a part thereof, to meet the same.

The Committee recommend that the salary of the Bishop remain unchanged, at $4,000 per annum, and that the Treasurer be directed to pay the same quarterly, if practicable, and that he be also directed to pay the annual premium on the Life Insurance Policy of the Bishop, in the Piedmont and Arlington Company.

It will be seen from the Report of the Treasurer that some of the Parishes have not paid up the assessments.

The Committee recommend that the assessment of Fifty Dollars upon St. David's Church, Dallas County, for the year 1870, and of Twenty Dollars on St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro', for the year 1870, be remitted.

The Committee beg leave to state that they have not had time to examine that part of the Bishop's Address which was referred to them. In view of the importance of the subject, they would respectfully recommend that the same be published in the Journal, and that the whole matter be referred to a Special Committee, to report thereon at the next Annual Convention.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

Trinity Church, Demopolis,	$ 17
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	77
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	2
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	22
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	11
Christ Church, Mobile,	88
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	40
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	8
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	2
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	20
St. John's Church, Elyton,	5
Birmingham and Irondale Mission,	5
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	6
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	12
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	11
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	5
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	5
Grace Church, Portland,	5
St. John's Church, Mobile,	27
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	5
St. James' Church, Livingston,	5
Athens Mission,	25
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	450
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	50
Trinity Church, Mobile,	605
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	165
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	50
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	32
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	50
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,	25
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	50
Talladega Mission,	25
Montevallo Mission,	25
St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	25
Trinity Church, Florence,	50
Madison Station, Madison,	25
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	75
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	25
St. David's Church, Dallas County,	50
St. Paul's Church, Whistler,	25
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	25
Guntersville Mission,	25
Grace Church, Clayton,	25
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,	50
Seal's Station, Union Springs,	25
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	25
St. Mark's Church, Prattville,	25
	$5,917

On motion, this Report was received.

Mr. McNeill moved to amend the Report by reducing assessment on Christ Church, Mobile, to $715 00, which was l

The Report as presented by the Committee was concurred

Whereupon, Mr. McNeill asked and obtained leave, to h entered upon the minutes the following Protest:

The undersigned, in behalf of the Delegation from Christ Church, Mobile, begs leave most respectfully to protest against the assessment upon that Parish for Diocesan dues, as being excessive and unequal: this action being based upon instructions from the Wardens and Vestry of said Parish.

Signed, DANIEL McNEILL.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the number of Communicants belonging thereto is not the basis upon which the Parishes of this Diocese are assessed by this Convention.

Mr. MORRIS, from Special Committee, reported that the accounts of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, were full and correct.

The Report was received and the Committee discharged. [See Appendix C.]

Rev. T. L. BANISTER from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following Report:

The Committee respectfully report that they find the following matters referred to this Convention:

"The Act of Incorporation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," referred to a Special Committee. [See page 15, Journal of 1871.]

"Church Building Committee," to sit and act during recess. [Page 18.]

"Bishop Cobbs' Monument," Special Committee. [Page 19.]

"Formation of Convocations," referred to the original Committee on Convocations.

No other Unfinished Business upon the Journal.

The Committee on the State of the Church, made the following Report:

The Committee are most happy and thankful to report, that, in their judgment, the State of the Church is healthy and flourishing. The evidence of this, as contained in the Bishop's Address and in the Parochial Reports, is ample. The Reports show a larger number of baptisms than ever before reported to a Convention of the Diocese, and the largest number of confirmations in any single year, save one. The Bishop's Address reveals an almost incredible amount of work, and the blessing of the Great Head of the Church has rested largely upon His Chief Minister in this Diocese. All that he needs, that he may possess the whole land, which is geographically his Diocese, is faithful ministers of GOD, and the means of sustaining them. And your Committee is thoroughly persuaded that, with the latter, the former will be rapidly increased. They know no better system for raising the means of carrying on the Missionary Work of the Diocese, than that which has been in operation for several years, if faithfully worked; and no system can effect its object, if not thus worked. Your Committee is grieved to find, that in several Parishes,

there has not been a single collection during the year, although every Parish, as a member of this Convention, is bound by the Convention's own action, to take up a collection every month.

The Committee beg leave to call particular attention to that part of the Bishop's Address referring to the system of Convocations. A Special Committee on this subject reported to the last Convention. On examining the plan of the Canon proposed by that Committee, we can suggest no alteration therein, except in Section five, which in our opinion, had better provide for the election of the Vice Presidents or Deans of Convocation, by the Clercal members of the Convocations. We ask the Convention to consider the Report of the Committee of the last Convention, as printed Appendix G, page 85, of the Journal for 1871.

Signed, J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted Mr. B. F. HERR for the remainder of the Session.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 8 P. M., and proceeded to the election of Diocesan Officers.

Rev. Mr. HANSON nominated Col. T. B. ROY, of Selma, as Treasurer of the Diocese. Mr. DAWSON, at Col. ROY'S request, withdrew his name; and nominated Mr. JAMES H. FITTS, of Tuskaloosa, who was thereupon elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

Rev. Mr. HANSON nominated Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, of Mobile, as Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, who was unanimously elected.

On motion of Mr. DAWSON, the following were elected as members of

THE BOARD OF PRELIMINARY INQUIRY.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. F. B. LEE.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, the following were elected members of

THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D. Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

The following were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:

A. G. MABRY, Sr. GEO. O. BAKER, N. H. R. DAWSON.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

Mr. A. R. BELL was elected Treasurer for Alabama of the University of the South.

The Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW tendered the resignation of Mr. B. H. MICOU as a Trustee of the University of the South, which was accepted.

Mr. JOEL WHITE was elected to fill the vacancy.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be and is hereby directed to pay to the Secretary the sum of Fifty Dollars, to defray the expenses incident to his office for the Conventional Year, commencing May 8th, 1872.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW offered a Resolution of thanks to R. M. NELSON, of Selma, for his efficient services as Secretary of this Convention for three years past, which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. DAWSON offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to General HEALY for the courtesies extended by him to the members of this Body.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, from the Committee to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, reported that they had examined the same and found them correct. [See Appendix D.]

Rev. Mr. HANSON offered a Resolution of thanks to T. B. ROY, of Selma, for his efficient services as Treasurer of the Diocese for the past year, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Mr. W. C. BELLAMY, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector, Vestry and Congregation of St. John's Church, Montgomery, for the generous hospitality extended to the members of this Body.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW read the following Report:

The Committee having in charge the erection of a Monument to the memory of Bishop COBBS, beg leave to report, that they have every reason to believe that the Monument will be put under contract at an early day, and be completed during the coming summer.

Signed, H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., Chairman.

Leave of absence was granted Rev. Dr. FULTON and Messrs. McNEILL and CLARK, of Mobile, for the remainder of the Session.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW read the following Report:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Diocesan Missions, beg leave respectfully to report, that they have

given the subject the attention its importance demands, and are unanimously of the opinion that, without at all disturbing the relation the Bishop now bears to Diocesan Missions, some plan should be adopted by which he shall be able, with greater regularity, to meet his engagements made with the various Missionaries employed under his direction. It is evident, from the history of the past few years, that the plan of Monthly Collection, as recommended by the Convention of 1869, has not accomplished the desired object. The failure of Parishes to comply with the Resolutions alluded to, has not only been a source of great anxiety to the Bishop, but has prevented him from extending the Missionary operations of the Church. Your Committee, owing to the want of time, are not prepared to recommend any permanent plan for mastering the difficulty in question; but would offer the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That on all occasions of the Bishop's visitation, it shall be the duty of the Rector of each Parish to arrange for an offertory in behalf of Diocesan Missions.

Resolved, That, whilst the plan of Monthly Collections as recommended by the Convention of 1869, be adhered to, it is desirable that the Clergy should, during the Session of this Convention, notify the Bishop of the probable amount they will be able to contribute during the current year.

In order to accomplish more thoroughly the object contemplated, your Committee ask leave to sit during the recess and report the result of their deliberations for the action of the next Convention.

Signed, H. STRINGFELLOW, JR.
J. H. TICKNOR,
T. B. ROY.

The Report was received and laid upon the table, to be called up at any time.

The Rev. Mr. STICKNEY offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Rt. Rev. the Bishop has expressed his wish for the appointment of a Committee to act with himself in the management of Church Property; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of three Laymen be appointed by the Convention to act as advisory to the Bishop in reference to certain property of the Diocese, and to report on the same to the next Convention.

Messrs. N. W. PERRY, M. E. MACARTNEY and JAMES BOND, were appointed said Committee on the part of the Convention.

Mr. W. T. WALTHALL offered the following Preamble and Resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, the proposition so to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, as to render the concurrent consent of Bishop, Clergy and Laity necessary to legislation, has never been brought before the Convention, nor reported upon by any authorized Committee; therefore,

Resolved, That the subject be referred to the consideration of a Committee of three members of this Convention, with instructions to report thereon to the next Annual Convention of the Diocese.

The following were appointed said Committee:

REV. DR. MASSEY, MR. W. T. WALTHALL, MR. STEPHENS CROOM.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, the report of the Committee on that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to Diocesan Missions, was taken from the table, and the Resolutions contained therein were adopted *seriatim*.

The Roll of Parishes was called for the purpose of ascertaining the probable minimum amounts which each one would be able to contribute to Diocesan Missions, during the current year; with the following result:

St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	$ 15 00
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	360 00
Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	80 00
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	25 00
St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro',	125 00
St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	250 00
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville and Grace Church Parish, Portland,	80 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	25 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	20 00
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County,	100 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallasse,	50 00
St. John's Parish, Mobile,	100 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	25 00
St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	60 00
St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	500 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	150 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	50 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	12 00
Seal's Station and Union Springs,	50 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	50 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	40 00
	$2,167 00

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., May 11th, 1872.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum was found to be present, and the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. Mr. HANSON offered the following Resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Convention have Seven Hundred and Fifty copies of the Journal of this Convention printed and distributed in the usual proportion among the Parishes; and that the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay for the same out of any funds in his hands, on the certified draft of the Secretary.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HANSON, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese pay to the Sexton of this Parish the sum of Ten Dollars, for services rendered to the Convention.

The Rev. Mr. TICKNOR made the following Report:

The Committee on the subject of Convocations, appointed by the last Convention, report: That circumstances have prevented the giving proper attention to the subject. The report made by this Committee at the Convention of 1871, (see Appendix G., page 85, Journal of 1871,) is again submitted.

The Committee can suggest no improvement in the plan of a Canon, except in section five, which may be made to read:

"The Vice Presidents of Convocations shall be elected by the Convocations respectively."

The following Resolution is proposed:

Resolved, That the subject of Convocations be referred to a Committee of Three Clergymen, chosen from some one of the Convocational Districts.

The Report was received and the proposed Resolution adopted. The following were appointed on this Committee:

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr. D. D., Rev. R. A. COBBS.

Mr. J. H. FITTS offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of Four, consisting of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Messrs. W. T. WALTHALL and JOSIAH MORRIS, be appointed to issue a Circular to the Clergy and Laity of Alabama, setting forth the great importance of more united action in the work of Diocesan Missions, and urging their hearty co-operation in some well digested plan.

On motion of Mr. WALTHALL, his name was withdrawn, and that of Mr. J. H. FITTS inserted in its place, and the Resolution, as thus amended, was adopted.

The following were elected Trustees of the General Theological Seminary from the Diocese of Alabama:

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr. D. D., Rev. W. A. STICKNEY,
Rev. RICH'D H. COBBS, Rev. GEO. H. HUNT.

On motion the Convention adjourned *sine die;* the closing religious services to be held in St. John's Church, Montgomery, Sunday Night, May 12th, 1872.

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Attest:
RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

MAY, 1872.

Dearly Beloved Brethren:

We are again assembled together, in the good Providence of God, to render a mutual account of our labors for the year just closed, and to take counsel for the future welfare of our Diocese. I resume the report of my labors for the past year as follows, viz:

1871.—May 10th.—Met the Convention of the Diocese in the Church of the Nativity, at Huntsville, and, after a sermon by the Rev. JOHN Y. GHOLSON, I celebrated Holy Communion. This, and the three days succeeding, were spent in attendance upon the Sessions of the Convention.

May 14th.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—At early morning service, I celebrated Holy Communion at the Church of the Nativity, and made an address to the congregation. At the morning service, (11 A. M.,) I preached in the same Church. At evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. DR. STRINGFELLOW, I confirmed 6 persons.

May 16th.—I preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, and confirmed 1 person.

May 17th.—I preached at Trinity Church, Florence. This Church had been greatly injured by fire, which had partially consumed the roof and the interior of the building, but it had been at the time of my visitation thoroughly restored to its former excellent condition. I regret to report that we have no regular ministerial services at Florence or Tuscumbia.

May 18th.—(Ascension Day)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, and confirmed 7 persons. I also baptized an adult.

May 21st.—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—I preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and confirmed 16 persons. In consequence of a very severe storm, I could hold no service at night.

May 22d.—Officiated in same Church and confirmed 10 persons; making 26 the number of persons confirmed on this visitation. At night, preached again in same Church.

May 23d.—I confirmed a sick person in private at Eutaw. At night I preached in St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and confirmed 2 persons.

May 24th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and confirmed 3 persons.

May 26th.—Preached at St James' Church, Livingston, and celebrated Holy Communion. I baptized also 1 infant. St. James' Church was, I regret to say, without any ministerial service, except of the most occasional character.

May 28th.—I preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha; baptized an adult; confirmed 1 person; and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon met the children of the congregation and addressed them. Calvary Church was without a Rector at the time of my visitation, but has since been supplied by the election of the Rev. T. L. BANISTER.

June 4th.—(Trinity Sunday)—Held an Ordination at Christ Church, Mobile, and ordained THOMAS GOULDING POND, Deacon; candidate presented by the Rev. DR. FULTON; sermon by myself. In the afternoon of same day, I officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 2 persons.

June 8th.—Officiated at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 3 persons.

June 11th.—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Hayneville, and confirmed 11 persons. It was with great gratification that I met this little and newly gathered flock upon this occasion. With great exertions on the part of a few earnest Church people, the Methodist Protestant House of Worship had been purchased and put in complete repair; an excellent organ, also, had been procured; a crowded congregation was in attendance; a large class was presented for confirmation, and the new Church enterprise starts at Hayneville with every prospect of success. The Rev. MR. PERDUE was Rector of the Parish at the time of my visitation.

June 12th.—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', and after a sermon by the Rev. DR. STRINGFELLOW, who had kindly met me there, I addressed the congregation. In the afternoon at same Church I baptized 3 children; at evening service, I preached and confirmed 2 persons.

June 13th.—Preached at St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, and confirmed 3 persons.

June 15th.—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed 3 persons.

June 16th.—Preached at Faunsdale Chapel, and confirmed 3 persons.

June 17th.—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 18th.—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, and, at request of the officiating minister, baptized 2 adults and 1 child. At night preached again in same Church, and confirmed 14 persons. I also celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

June 25th.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 2d.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

July 9th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and celebrated Holy Communion.

July 12th.—Met with the Trustees of the University of the South, and spent the week in attendance upon the deliberations of the Board.

July 16th.—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. Augustine's Chapel, University of the South, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 6th.—(9th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 10th.—Officiated at a funeral in Mobile.

August 13th.—(10th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and baptized an infant.

August 16th.—At an Ordination held at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, I admitted to the Priesthood Rev. THOMAS GOULDING POND; sermon by the Rev. SAMUEL S. HARRIS, then of Columbus, Ga.; candidate presented by the Rev. DR. NEVIUS, who, with the Rev. DR. MASSEY, Messrs. DAMUS and HARRIS, united in the imposition of hands.

August 20th.—(11th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

August 22d.—Baptized 2 infants at Cottage Hill.

September 10th.—(14th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at the Cathedral Church, at London, Ontario, Canada West; in the afternoon preached at the Hellmuth College for young ladies, and in the evening preached to the young men at the Bishop's College. My stay of a few days brought me into acquaintance with the Rt. Rev. Dr. HELLMUTH, then Bishop Coadjutor of Norfolk, now, since the demise of the Rt. Rev. Dr. CRONIN, Bishop of Huron.

May 17th.—(15th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Riverdale, New York.

May 24th.—(16th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in services at Christ Church, Riverdale, upon the occasion of the ordination of Mr BOONE by the Bishop of Georgia.

May 30th.—Participated in the services at St. John's Church, Clifton, Staten Island, upon the occasion of the consecration of said Church, by the Bishop of New York; sermon by the Bishop of Rhode Island.

Oct. 1st.—(17th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Riverdale.

Oct. 3d.—Baptized, in New York, a grand-child of the late Bishop POLK.

Oct. 4th.—Participated in the opening services of the General Convention at Emmanuel Church, in the City of Baltimore.

Oct. 8th.—(18th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Emmanuel Church, Baltimore; in the afternoon of same day preached at St. Luke's Church, Baltimore.

Oct. 11th.—Preached at Zion Church, Baltimore.

Oct. 13th.—At Grace Church, preached the Annual Sermon before the "Society for the Increase of the Ministry."

Oct. 15th.—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Anne's Church, Annapolis; in the evening, united with the Bishop of New Jersey, in addressing the congregation in behalf of the Board of Missions.

Oct. 22d.—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Baltimore; and in the evening made an address in behalf of the Bible and Prayer Book Society.

Nov. 12th.—(23d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

Nov. 15th.—Confirmed 1 person at St. John's Church, Mobile.

Nov. 19th.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Prevented from reaching my appointment at Summerville, by stress of weather.

Nov. 26th.—(25th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed 6 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Dec. 1st.—Preached at evening service at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Dec. 3d.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Tallassee; confirmed 8 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night I preached again in same Church.

Dec. 5th.—Preached at Opelika, and confirmed 4 persons. I was prevented from holding other services at Opelika, by the exceeding inclemency of the weather.

Dec. 7th.—Preached at Seale's Station, Russell County, and confirmed 7 persons. Preached again next day; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Dec. 8th.—Preached at Union Springs, and confirmed 6 persons. Next day preached at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion. I also baptized 3 children at Union Springs. We have no Church building at this point, and were indebted to the kind attentions of our Methodist friends for the use of their House of Worship, and for the assistance of their choir. So far as I could learn, my visitation was the first that was ever made by a Bishop of the Church. The prospects are good for the establishment of a Church at this point. A vestry has been organized, and measures have been taken to rent a room for present occupancy. In time we hope to see a Church building put up Rev. DEB. WADDELL, officiates there alternately with Seale's Station.

Dec. 10th.—(2d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening, and confirmed 3 persons.

Dec. 12th.—Preached at Clayton, county seat of Barbour. I found at this visit a new Church in process of construction. It was nearly ready for consecration at the time of my visitation.

Dec. 24th.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Preached in the morning at Trinity Church, Mobile.

Dec. 24th.—(Christmas Eve)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

Dec. 25th.—(Christmas Day)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Dec. 31st.—(1st Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and confirmed 1 person.

1872.—January 7th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Jan. 14th.—(2d Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, morning and evening; baptized an adult, and confirmed 5 persons.

Whistler is still without other than occasional ministerial care. Lay Reading has, however, regularly and successfully kept up through the earnest laborers of one of our Laymen.

Jan. 18th.—Married a couple at Whistler.

Jan. 21st.—(3d Sunday after Epiphany)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and baptized 2 infants.

Jan. 28th.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Chapel, Whistler; baptized 4 adults and 3 children; confirmed 8 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Feb. 2.—Held an Ordination at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and ordained to the Diaconate SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., (late a minister of the Methodist persuasion.) The candidate was presented by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, sermon preached by the Rev. JOHNSON C. DAVIS. The Deacon ordained had been examined by the Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS and H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D., and their written certificate had been given to me of a satisfactory examination having been passed by him. During this visitation, met the Montgomery Convocation, and arranged for regular missionary services within its bounds.

Feb. 4th.—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and celebrated Holy Communion; in the evening preached again and confirmed 3 persons.

Feb. 6th.—Preached in an upper room at Talladega, and confirmed 6 persons.

Feb. 7th.—Preached again at same place, and confirmed 1 person. The congregation is steadily growing at this point under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist; and measures are being taken for the speedy erection of a Church at this place.

Feb. 9th.—Met the Central Convocation in St. Paul's Church, Selma, and after a sermon by the Rev. F. R. HANSON, addressed the congregation. I spent this and the day following in holding Convocation Services, and in arranging for Mission Services within the bounds of the Convocation. My frequent interviews with the Central and Montgomery Convocations satisfied me fully of what I have long been persuaded, that much good can be accomplished through the agency of thoroughly organized Convocations. It was particularly gratifying to me to observe the spirit of unity and harmony which prevailed. It needs only more system to make these Convocations eminently effective.

Feb. 11th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and confirmed 19 persons. I expected during this visitation to have laid the Corner Stone of the new Church, but was prevented by the inclement weather, which interfered with a due preparation for the proposed solemnity.

Feb. 18th.—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

Feb. 25th.—(2d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

March 3d.—(3d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville.

March 10th.—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Preached in Christ Church, Baltimore, in the morning; and in the evening of the same day at Emmanuel Church,

March 11th.—Preached again at Christ Church, Baltimore.

March 12th.—With the consent of the Bishop of Maryland, confirmed 2 persons in Baltimore, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 17th.—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed 14 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. Number confirmed from St. John's since last report, 23.

March 22d.—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, preached again, and confirmed 2 persons. This Church is now without pastoral care, but the services are regularly kept up by a Lay Reader.

March 23d.—At Montgomery, confirmed 3 sick persons in private at separate services; in the afternoon, preached at St. John's Church.

March 24th.—(Sunday before Easter.)—At St. John's Church, Montgomery, celebrated Holy Communion; at mid-day service preached, and at evening service confirmed 32 persons.

March 26.—(Tuesday before Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

March 27th.—(Wednesday before Easter)—Preached at Grace Church, County Line, and confirmed 3 persons.

March 29th.—(Good Friday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'; at evening service, preached again and confirmed 4 persons.

March 30th.—(Easter Even)—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, and confirmed 10 persons.

March 31st.—(Easter Day)—Preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion; at evening service, preached again, and confirmed 1 person. St. Wilfrid's Church is now uuder the care of the Rev. THOMAS G. POND. The Church building has been enlarged and greatly beautified. When completed, it will be a most Church-like structure.

April 2d.—(Tuesday in Easter Week)—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown; baptized and confirmed 1 person. This Church is still without regular pastoral care.

April 3d.—I met the Convocation of Central Alabama at Demopolis. By arrangement, the new Church was to have been consecrated on this day, but in consequence of heavy rains, I was compelled to postpone the Consecration Service to the next day. A small congregation, however, had collected, and, after a sermon by the Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, I addressed them. At evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. R. H. COBBS, I made an address, and confirmed 3 persons. (18 confirmed from this Parish this year.)

April 4th.—I consecrated the newly erected Church edifice by the name of "Trinity Church,"—confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion; sermon by myself. This was an occasion of no ordinary interest. During the most necessitous times, the old Church building had been burned to the ground, and many hearts had been saddened by the loss of a building hallowed by many sacred associations. But with an earnestness seldom equalled, the good people had rallied their energies, and it was my happiness to consecrate to the service of Almighty God one of the most beautiful and appropriate Church

buildings in the Diocese. Easter-tide gave new life and significance to the solemnities; and all hearts poured forth songs of gratitude and joy.

April 7th.—(First Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, confirmed 18 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. This Confirmation Service was rendered peculiarly interesting by the fact that nearly the whole class was composed of the very young children of the congregation, who came with evident joy and confidence to receive their Heavenly Father's blessing.

At afternoon service of same day, I officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile. It will be proper for me in this connection to say something in regard to the relation which I had just accepted towards this congregation.

Upon the resignation of the late Rector, the Rev. Dr. NEVIUS, who had accepted a call to Oregon, the Vestry of St. John's Church, had tendered me the Rectorship, with the request that I would make St. John's the Cathedral Church, and the centre of Cathedral work.

The proposition thus made involved so many important and delicate considerations, that I did not feel at liberty to act definitively upon it until I had carefully weighed it in all its bearings, and received the advice and counsel of my brethren, Clerical and Lay, who had a common interest in my ultimate determination. Finding that the subject matter was too grave to be hastily decided, I concluded only to accept temporarily the Rectorship tendered; with the distinct understanding that my Episcopal duties and relations to other Parishes were in no particular to be modified or controlled by such acceptance. My object in so doing was to put myself in a position to render more effective aid to the Parish in procuring immediate pastoral care; at the same time leaving myself free to act hereafter as might seem best and most expedient.

April 14th.—(2d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 38 persons: at night preached again at same Church.

April 15th.—Confirmed four sick persons at two separate services in private houses; candidates presented by the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

April 21st.—(3d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and confirmed four persons.

April 28th.—(4th Sunday after Easter)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile; the Rev. Dr. EASTER, of St. Louis, preaching at both services.

May 1st.—(St. Philip and St. Jamess' day)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, made an address, and confirmed eight persons; giving 53 as the number confirmed from this Parish since my last report.

May 5th.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—At early morning prayer confirmed seven persons at Christ Church, Mobile, giving 25 as the number confirmed from Christ Church since last annual report. At mid-day service preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon I participated in the services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

May 7th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and confirmed nine persons, giving 44 as the number confirmed from this parish since my last annual report.

SUMMARY.

The following is a summary of my official labors since my last annual report, viz:

Churches Consecrated	1
Deacons Ordained	2
Priests Ordained	1
Lay Readers Licensed	4
Baptisms, viz: Adults, 10; Infants 17—Total	27
Marriages	1
Funerals	1
Confirmations	326
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	3

I have given my canonical consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. M. A. DeWolfe Howe to the Episcopate of Central Pennsylvania.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese of Alabama by "Letters Dimissory," the Rev. R. A. Cobbs, from the Diocese of Tennessee, and the Rev. T. J. Beard, from the Diocese of Arkansas.

I have transferred as follows, viz: Rev. R. W. Micou (Deacon) to Diocese of Louisiana; the Rev. James W. Keeble (Deacon) to the Diocese of Kentucky; the Rev. R. D. Nevius, D. D., to the Oregon and Washington Mission; the Rev. John Y. Gholson to the Diocese of Maryland; the Rev. J. B. Ramsdell to the Diocese of Kentucky; and the Rev. S. M. Bird to the Diocese of Texas.

The Rev. T. L. Banister has resigned the Rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and has become the Rector of Cavalry Church, Pushmataha.

The Rev. T. J. Beard has become Assistant Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile; the Bishop of the Diocese temporarily in charge.

The Rev. R. A. Cobbs has returned to the Diocese, and become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, St Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, and St. David's Church, Dallas County.

The Rev. W. J. Perdue has, on account of declining health, resigned the charge of the Church at Hayneville.

The Rev. T. G. Pond has been ordained Deacon and Priest, and has become the Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

The Rev. J. M. Robertson has taken charge of St. Paul's Church, Decatur, and also officiates at Madison Station.

The Rev. J. F. Smith has withdrawn from Evangelist duty at Elyton, and confined his labors to the line of the Selma, Rome, and Dalton Railroad, viz: at Jacksonville, Talladega, &c. &c.

The Rev. Philip A. Fitts is acting Missionary at Elyton, Birmingham, Irondale, &c., and at the same time is preparing for Priest's Orders.

The Rev. SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D., has been ordained Deacon, and assists the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received canonical notice of the deposition from the Ministry, of the following named persons, viz: of W. H. COOPER, by Bishop of Iowa; FRANCIS DILLON EAGAN, by Bishop of California; WM. PHILIPS and A. J. YEATER, (Deacon,) by Bishop of Missouri; of GEO. E. THRALL and MASON GALLAGHER, by Bishop of New York; EZEKIEL H. TAYLOR and HENRY NEWMAN WRIGHT, (Deacon,) by Bishop of Vermont; JOHN BELFORD LINSKEA, by Bishop of Pittsburg; WM. E. WALKER, (Deacon) by Bishop of Wisconsin; ALFRED ALLEN CURTIS, by Bishop of Maryland.

I have also received official notification of the organization of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

I proceed now to give an account of certain properties which have come under my control as Bishop of the Diocese:

1st. The Church of

"ST. JOHN'S IN THE WILDERNESS."

The Church designated in the Journals of the Convention by the above title and description, I have never seen. It was situated in the Eastern part of the State, not far from the city of Columbus, Georgia. In consequence of the removal of nearly every communicant of the Church from its vicinity, it fell into a state of dilapidation, and, as rumor informed me, became the resort of the beasts of the field. Some time last year I received a proposition from Col. W. H. CHAMBERS, to purchase the building. His design, as he informed me, was to remove the materials, and to erect therewith a schoolhouse. After some hesitation and much correspondence with friends of the Church, I accepted the proposition of Col. CHAMBERS, and appointed a committee to appraise the property. I deemed it better that the Church building should shelter Christian children than unclean cattle. Accordingly, the materials were valued at $150, and the Rev. DEB. WADDELL, who took part in the management of the whole matter, was authorized to receive the money, and apply it to the erection of a Church building at Seale's Station—the nearest Church point to old "St. John's in the Wilderness."

I must state, however, that the ground upon which the aforesaid building stood was not conveyed away by the sale of the materials, although I have not yet been able to discover the title deeds to the property in question, if indeed any were ever perfected. Since this Address was read, the deed of the property just referred to, has been put in my hands.

There is a very general inattention to title deeds, and records of the same, which I have been constantly called upon to notice. It is assuredly within the competency of all Vestries, and friends of the Church, where there are no Vestries, to take care that the titles to all properties belonging to the Church, shall be perfected and safely deposited. This is a matter which will increasingly demand the attention of all concerned.

2d. The Church at

AUBURN.

This building is in a state of rapid decay, and the communicants and friends of the Church have all removed from the village. Some two years since I received a proposition to purchase the materials of the building, and having ascertained that in a few years, or even months, they would become valueless, I appointed a committee of appraisement, with authority to sell at their valuation. The committee met and valued the building materials at $300. The party proposing to purchase subsequently receded from his proposition, and the building has gone into almost utter decay; no resident caring for the Church, or its interests. The Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Dean of the Montgomery Convocation, was authorized to dispose of the remaining materials.

3d. Church property at

GAINESVILLE.

There is no Church building in the village of Gainesville, Sumter county, although mission services have been frequently held there, and in two instances the officiating ministers have resided there.

Some six years ago, Dr. LEROY ANDERSON, of Gainesville, (whom many of the Convention will recall as the devoted friend of all that concerned the welfare of the Church,) left by will to the Bishop of the Diocese, in behalf of the Church at Gainesville, a certain property known as the "Mansion House," and also certain unoccupied lots—all within the limits of Gainesville. The "Mansion House" was occupied for a while as a place of worship, and, in times past, I have frequently celebrated Divine service within its walls.

In January, 1867, I consulted with the friends of the Church at Gainesville, as to the best disposition to be made of the property, with the view of carrying out the intentions of Dr. ANDERSON. Subsequently the "Mansion House" was sold to Judge DILLARD for the sum of $2,500, (see appendix A,) the terms of the contract being—one-third cash, one-third in nine months, and one-third in eighteen months—this last payment to bear interest from date. Upon the payment of these promissory notes, a good and sufficient title in fee simple was to be made to Judge DILLARD.

In order further to secure the property, it was insured by myself for $2,000, through the agency of Judge REAVIS, who was my counsellor and agent at every stage of the business.

Judge DILLARD failed to meet his promissory notes, when they became due. The building took fire and burned to the ground. In consequence of certain changes as to the location of a stove, &c., the Insurance Company made difficulty about paying the amount of the policy. We found it very doubtful whether a good claim would be allowed by a jury, as the suit had to be brought in a distant city, and we feared that a suit, if successful, would not cover much more than the costs. Accordingly Judge REAVIS was authorized to compromise the claim for one-half its full value, viz: $1,000. (See appendix B.)

From the statement of said appendix, it will appear that Judge REAVIS held in his hands, January 3d, 1870, $903.80. As it regards the payment which was made to me, (viz: $833.33—less insurance policy, $41.50—$791.83: see appendix B.) I turned it into gold, ($584.49,) in view of the threatened depreciation of currency at the time. And inasmuch as the friends of the Church in Gainesville, with few exceptions, were persuaded that the time for building a Church had not yet come, and inasmuch as I knew well the wishes and intentions of Dr. ANDERSON in making his bequest, I loaned from time to time the said amount to certain Church institutions, without interest, for example—to the congregation at Whistler, whilst building their Church, &c., &c. However, in view of the steady appreciation of currency, and in order to guard more carefully the interests of the Church in Gainesville, and to provide for the gradual increase of a fund for future building, I converted the same amount into currency, ($700,) and have loaned it, with good security, on an interest-bearing note. (See appendix C.)

At present, the condition of things at Gainesville is most unpropitious for the Church. Most of the few members have left the village, and there is no prospect at present of supplying the remaining few with even occasional missionary services.

I cannot conclude this report of the condition of Church property in Gainesville without again making grateful mention of Judge REAVIS' invaluable and gratuitous professional services—to say nothing of his kind personal attentions which have been lavished upon every Clergyman of the Church visiting Gainesville.

4th. "CHURCH HOME" AND PROPERTY.

In the year 1864, I brought to the consideration of the Convention of the Diocese, the matter of providing homes for the orphans of our land. The Convention responded most cordially, (see Journal of 1864,) and by resolution requested the Bishop to take the details of the matter into his own hands, "with the advice and assistance of the Rectors and Vestries of the various Parishes," &c. Accordingly I proceeded, (with the advice of the Clergy, and especially with that of the Rev. Drs. PIERCE and NEVIUS, who gave me much valuable counsel and co-operation,) to purchase a certain property in Tuskaloosa. (See full report of same in Journal of Convention for 1865.)

I also organized a Sisterhood of Deaconesses, who are pledged to work for the Orphan and for the destitute—Sisters of Mercy and Charity in very deed.

In a few days after giving in my report to the Convention of 1865, there came tidings of military and political events, which reduced to nothing all the Confederate Certificates and Bonds which had been subscribed. From that time to the organization of the Sisterhood in Mobile, our orphans were compelled to live—as most of our people at that time lived—from hand to mouth.

Fortunately I had purchased a few bales of cotton, with the proceeds of which, and with such donations as I was able to procure by personal solicitation the institution was supported until the Deaconesses were collected together in Mobile.

Up to this time, in consequence of the disorganized condition of our affairs, no regular accounts were kept by the Sister Probationers in charge of the Orphans at Tuskaloosa. The three regularly instituted Deaconesses were at this time engaged in full service at the Church Home School, at Spring Hill. I had purchased this property in the summer of 1865 from B. F. MARSHALL, Esq., for $6,000 (in gold,) payments to be made in five equal annual instalments, with interest from date of purchase.

The plan which I had formed in reference to the Church Home School, and which is only postponed, was to make the management of this institution a part of the work of the Sisterhood, and thus to provide not only for the educational interests of our girls, but also to make the Orphan's Home self-supporting.

Upon consultation with the Clergy and Laity, whose sympathy and co-operation could be enlisted, I concluded, for the present, to rent out the Church Home School, and to organize the Sisterhood in Mobile. Most happily, there was a property held by the Vestry of St. John's Church, and upon the same block with the Church, which had been procured by the early friends of St. John's Church, with the view of ultimately establishing an Orphan and Widow's Home, and a Parochial School. This property was tendered to me by the Rector, (Dr. PIERCE,) and Vestry. Upon this property there was a small tenement of two rooms, and in this small house was started the "Church Home for Orphans," in Mobile.

It was with great difficulty, and under every possible disadvantage, that the enterprise was commenced. The Church had already a fourth interest in the Protestant Orphan Asylum, and the good Church people were not yet alive to the duty of providing a "*Church Home*" for the Orphans of our land. After a while the institution grew in favor with the public, and has from that time to the present steadily advanced, not only in the number of its orphans, and in the character of their training, but in the number of its friends, who will never permit it to languish or go into decay.

There are, at this present writing, (January 1st, 1872,) five Deaconesses engaged in the work of the "Church Home," and thirty-one orphans ranging in age from less than one year to 17 years, under their care.

I cannot adequately express my estimate of the value of the services rendered to the Church by the labors of this Sisterhood. Their influence for good is felt, not only among the orphans directly under their care, but by numbers whose sufferings and sorrows have been alleviated by their sympathies. That from so small a beginning, and with resources all to be created, we should have been enabled to build up such an institution with such an amount of property, reflects great credit upon the liberality of our people, and upon the efficiency of the Deaconesses, who have done such an incalculable amount of unselfish labor, and constitutes a ground for ceaseless thanksgiving to GOD, without whom all our labors would have been vain.

I submit herewith a statement of the funds received and disbursed (with vouchers,) since the institution went into full organization. It will be seen from the accompanying statement that the property purchased in Tuskaloosa

during the war, for Confederate money, (see Journal for 1865,) was sold and invested in the property in Mobile. (See statement submitted with this report.)

I have to remark that by the act of the Legislature of this State, in the winter of 1864, the Bishop of the Diocese was made "corporation sole." This act was passed through the active agency of Judge REAVIS and A. BENNERS, Esq., and was presented to the Convention of the Diocese which met at Greensboro,' May, 1865.

In my address to that Convention, I called attention to the provisions of the act, and to the unlimited control which it gave the Bishop in matters not only requiring personal integrity, but much administrative ability. I did not think it wise that it should be so entirely left to Episcopal direction and control. I used this language in my Annual Address of that year: "It will be seen that the act of incorporation is most liberal in its provisions, but it appears to me that in some important particulars, the power granted to the Bishop is too broad and undefined, and will, therefore, need modification. Any alterations decided upon by the Council, can easily be introduced into the present act; or a new act can be substituted for it, if the Council should so decide."

In pursuance of the above suggestion, the Convention took order in regard to the act of incorporation, and appointed a committee to carry out the wishes of the body.

The result of the action of the committee appears in the "act amending an act," approved March 8th, 1871, which appears on the Journal of 1871, (p. 88.) Under its provisions (section 6) it is enacted that "the said corporation shall report to the Diocesan Convention of the State the property which, from time to time, may belong thereto, and what disposition, if any, may have been made thereof; and the said Diocesan Convention shall have, and in its discretion exercise a general supervision and control in regard to property belonging to said corporation." It will remain for the Convention to determine in what manner, to what extent, and through what delegated agency it shall exercise the direction thus provided for.

It becomes my duty (under this amended act) to report that an item of property, being two-fifths of a small tract of land near Montgomery, which I purchased within three weeks of the close of the war, was sold to Mr. Ellis Phelan, (see financial statement) for $250.

The property in Tuskaloosa, purchased with Confederate money, was sold for $2,000, less $500 for the professional services of the lawyers engaged in making good the title. This piece of property had been in litigation for several years, and, in the judgment of business men, whom I consulted, a good sale was effected. The proceeds of these two items of property were invested in the purchase and building of the two parcels of property now belonging to the Church, for the benefit of the "Church Home for Orphans," in Mobile, viz: the "Church Home," and the "Church Home School." The deeds for these properties are perfected and recorded, and are in the hands of the Registrar of the Diocese. There is no mortgage, lien, or claim of any kind whatsoever, upon the property, and the financial statement shows 1st January, 1872, a balance of funds in hand of $1027.82.

Henceforward I shall feel bound to make no disposition of any property, except with the advice and consent of the Diocesan Convention, acting either of itself, or through its delegated agent or agents.

I still cherish the hope at no distant day of beginning again the "Church Home School," under the auspices of the Sisterhood. Hitherto the number has been too small to admit of this distribution of their services. I look confidently forward to the day when we shall have a "Church Infirmary"; a Church Home for widows, and a "Retreat" for the abandoned. Not until every needful agency of this kind shall have been established, can the Church in any Diocese be assured that she is fully representing her Divine Head, and carrying out the intent of His mission upon earth.

It will be seen from the financial statement, submitted with this report, that the expenses of the "Church Home for Orphans," have steadily diminished, whilst the number of orphans and inmates has as steadily increased—a result which is due to the fact that this institution has steadily grown in public favor, and, as a matter of course, has been as steadily the object of increased benefactions.

I may mention here in proof of the public interest which the "Church Home for Orphans" has elicited, that the disbursements for the year ending January 1st, 1872, have been a fraction less than $30 for each inmate—a result, so far as I know, without parallel in the history of similar institutions. It would be difficult to say whether this result is more due to the liberality of the people of Mobile, or to the judicious management of the Deaconesses in charge.

I may properly remark, in connection with this whole subject, that a very marked and increased attention is being given to the office of Deaconesses in the Church, and I am fully persuaded that, in a very short time, the Church will have provided in her Canon Law such rules as will more effectually and judiciously prescribe and control the official work of women in their ministrations among the destitute and afflicted. Up to this time, I have been obliged to feel my way with such counsel as I could well invoke, and I shall hail with thankfulness all action of the Church which shall seek to control this whole matter. From my early manhood to the present hour, I have sought to utilize in actual Church work the invaluable services of godly Christian women, and my experience thus far has justified my fondest expectations. I look at no distant day for the institution of Deaconesses, under the direction of the Rectors, in all of our city Parishes; and to an increase of ministerial usefulness proportioned to the wisdom with which this agency shall be employed by those who have the control thereof.

THE LATE GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Convention, which recently held its Triennial Session in the City of Baltimore, created more than ordinary interest in the Church, and deserves a more than passing notice. The condition of the religious world, and especially of our branch of the Church Catholic, gave an unusual degree of importance to its deliberations. The opinion largely prevailed that the Church was in the

midst of a crisis. Her enemies looked on with a scarcely suppressed joy. The Church which for so many years had been the rallying point for earnest minds, seeking relief within her pale from the narrowing restraints of other communions, was now, as they thought, about to lose her prestige, and present a kingdom divided against itself.

Even the members of the Church looked forward with gloomy forebodings to the meeting of so many minds, charged to the overflow with the maintenance of their respective opinions.

Nor were these fears altogether groundless. In times past there have been schisms in the body, taking place under circumstances very nearly resembling those which attended this gathering of the Bishops and Deputies in General Convention. It may have been that the very forebodings which were felt, tended to avert the evil that was dreaded. It often happens thus. When a crisis has been safely passed, men are wont to look back upon their forebodings as groundless. Not necessarily so—the forewarning may have led to the forearming. A worthy fear—and fear is always worthy when there is a cause therefor,—suggests prudence, begets a spirit of conciliation, and averts the dreaded evil by steadily surveying it. And more than all, the apprehension of possible evil induced all earnest minds to look up to Him who ordereth the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; and prayers were made in the Churches unceasingly.

Nor were these prayers in vain. The result was such a spirit of unity, such a serious regard for each other's opinions, such a steady determination to do right and maintain truth, connected with such loving sympathy, and such increasing appreciation of what was good and true on all sides, as I believe was never witnessed within the memories of this generation, and perhaps never before in the history of any branch of the Church under like circumstances.

The above declaration, which I think is largely within bounds, may sound strangely to those who know nothing of the proceedings of the Convention, save as they appeared in the reports of the debates. He misapprehends much the scope and tenor of those formal debates who supposes that there was any spirit of discord in that body of Deputies. They argued for different sides of truth, not against truth—an antagonism which is the necessary condition of all healthy progress and growth in nature, Church and State.

Looking at the range of debate and the antagonism of varying opinions from this standpoint, we can perhaps obtain the clearest view of the genius of our branch of the Church Catholic. It should surely fill us with exalted admiration of the comprehensiveness of a communion, which is large enough to hold all good and true men—the faithful in CHRIST JESUS. And I have greatly mistaken the tenor of that illustrious gathering, if it shall not be found that from this time forward there will be, as never before, an obliteration of party lines, and a growing together of all earnest souls in the unity of the spirit, and in the bond of peace. In Faith they have never been disunited, only in opinion. At least, I am sure that this will be true of all who were present and participated in the discussions as they proceeded. Say what we will of the effect of large gatherings and public disputations, it must at least be admitted that they are great educators. Most men live alone, in their own cho-

sen companionship, and among their favorite authors, and read and think and talk with their own? Not so, when they meet and talk together. They are compelled to hear their cherished ideas criticised and sifted. They are made to see other sides of truth, and if they are not persuaded, they are expanded. No man, capable of expansion, left that body without larger ideas, and a more comprehensive policy; and I am sure that he returned to his sphere of labor with a steadier faith, a brighter hope, and a more abounding charity.

Many causes contributed to this result. Among them I may mention prominently the opening sermon of the venerable Bishop of Virginia. He struck the key-note. He spoke of that old, and ever new truth—that truth of truths—"the constraining love of CHRIST." CHRIST the head over all things was lifted up, and all hearts were drawn to Him. All could meet together in CHRIST, and as they were drawn to CHRIST, they drew nearer to each other. More of the constraining love of our blessed LORD would obliterate that spirit of selfishness which now parts men asunder.

We were favored too with the presence of chosen men of the Mother Church, among whom stood pre-eminent that faithful and true man, the Bishop of Lichfield. "The word of CHRIST dwelt in him richly in all wisdom," and his addresses to both houses of the Convention, and to the public congregations stirred every heart in the assembly.

The Bishop of Lichfield is so well known to the present generation, that it seems almost superfluous to speak of his history. His untiring energy, his manly fortitude, his ripe scholarship, and his apostolic zeal, had long marked him as one of the foremost of the men of this generation. Had he been nothing more than a Bishop of the Established Church, he might have been no more than many of the class whose piety and learning have illustrated the annals of that communion. In all probability he would have followed the traditions of his class. But he was much more—he was the missionary Bishop of this age. His life had been spent in bringing the heathen to the knowledge of CHRIST, and he founded Dioceses where he had found mission stations. In his fully matured manhood, verging upon old age, when strength clothes itself with wisdom, and the fruits of labor and experience come to their fullest ripeness, he was called to one of the largest Dioceses of the Established Church. So urgent was the call that he could not refuse to hear it. Wise men know where to look for a leader. The state of the Church in England forewarns all thinking men that the time draws near when the Church will have to stand by herself. At such an hour to whom would all eyes turn so instinctively as to SELWYN, the impersonation of Christian manliness—the best type of which we verily believe is to be found this day in the Anglican Communion.

I think that I misstate nothing in saying that the presence of the Bishop of Lichfield contributed largely to that spirit of brotherly love and comprehensiveness of legislation which marked the deliberations of the General Convention of 1871.

It may be expected that I should speak a little more in detail of the legislative acts of that Convention; and I may mention as perhaps the most impor-

tant, the Canon on Theological Education, the action on Ritual, and the Declaration of the Bishops in regard to Baptism.

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION.

The action of both houses in the matter of Theological Education, resulting in the adoption with great unanimity of the present Canon, is assuredly a matter of sincere congratulation on all hands. It is an effort, and can but prove a successful one, to raise the standard of ministerial education—a consummation equally desired both by Clergy and Laity. Much of the obscurity and confusion which characterized the old Canon has been removed, and the requirements on the part of candidates have been materially advanced. The power of Standing Committees, too, has been in some particulars greatly increased, and the responsibility in the matter of Ordination, which rested so heavily upon the Bishops, is now to a greater extent shared by the chosen men, Clerical and Lay, who constitute their canonical councils of advice and consent.

And now it should be most clearly the aim of Bishops and Standing Committees, as unquestionably it was the intention of the new Canon to work up to its highest provisions; to require that the highest standard of attainment shall be reached by Candidates for Orders, consistent with the rejection of no competent man from the ranks of the ministry. Such has ever been, and will increasingly be, my aim; and such, I feel bound to say, has been the aim of our present Standing Committee. Perhaps this whole matter of Ordination, embracing the preparatory steps thereto, is the heaviest responsibility that devolves upon the Bishops and their councils of advice; and just here is the great difficulty at times in our thinly settled Dioceses.

In the older Dioceses, where the population is more dense, and the means of education more largely distributed, and the number of Candidates for Orders greater, it is practicable without serious loss, to insist in every instance, upon the fullest measure of scholastic attainment. But with us, the impoverished condition of our country renders it at present very difficult to insist, except in the case of very young men, upon the full collegiate course, which is so desirable in every teacher of Theology. And yet we meet occasionally with good and true men—men sound in the faith and apt to teach—who are willing and meet to enter the ministry, and yet, at the same time, are not in a position, nor of an age, to master the rudiments of the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew tongues.

These are the cases which come within the discretion of the Bishop and Standing Committee, and it requires all their discernment and tact to see that the standard of attainment is properly kept up, and at the same time that no really useful and efficient man is excluded from the ranks of the ministry.

It is in view of considerations like these, that the Clergy should be careful to exhort their people to the earnest use of the prayers which the Church has provided for the Ember days preceding the stated times for Ordination—"that the Bishops and Pastors of God's flock may lay hands suddenly on no man, but faithfully and wisely make choice of fit persons to serve in the sacred ministry of His Church."

RITUAL.

The members of this Convention are too well acquainted with the recent deliberations of the General Convention, to need anything like a recapitulation of its details in regard to the matter of Ritual. The conclusion of the whole matter was one in which I fully sympathized, viz: that it was not wise to attempt, by prohibitory legislation, to repress the ritualistic excesses complained of. In my judgment, the great end sought was not to be attained in that way. For my own part, I greatly desired that steps should have been taken which looked to the ultimate establishment of a positive law of ritual, with its maximum and minimum—its maximum to afford scope for all needful development; and its minimum to suit and satisfy the undeveloped mind of this age and country. Of course this would not be the work of a day or year, but still it is, in my judgment, time to shape the legislation of the Church, on Ritual, with a view to this ultimate result.

For if, as we hold, that every particular or national Church has power to decree rites and ceremonies, &c., then the positive enactment of this Church concerning rites and ceremonies must take precedence of those of any other Church, and would put an arrest upon the individual tendencies of all loyal men, or compel all others to follow their allegiance with their presence. And besides, we should thus be freed from the uncertainty and confusion which at present invests the whole law of Ritual, and we should look to our own, and not to any foreign tribunal, for the settlement of controverted points.

But this is a matter which, as I said before, cannot and should not be hastily consummated. We are a new and heterogeneous people. Our habits and tastes have not been formed upon exalted models. We suffer as yet from the ignorance and conceit and irreverence of all new peoples. We need wisdom and knowledge, a more refined taste, and a deeper tone of piety. In due time we may hope to attain unto greater excellence ourselves, and to a higher appreciation of what is due to the Divine Majesty. Would to God that we could all rise in heart and mind to the elevation in externals, which even we have reached, and in prostration of spirit bow to the Divine Majesty in holy and reverent obedience.

In this connection, I am much gratified in being able to say that the Address which I read to the last Annual Convention, and which was subsequently, by request, issued in the form of a Pastoral, was favorably received by parties outside of this Diocese. Shortly after the adjournment of our last Convention, I met with several of our Bishops at the University of the South, and it was the unanimously expressed wish of all present at that meeting, that the suggestions in the Pastoral should, with certain modifications, in which we all agreed, be adopted in all the Dioceses there represented. A Committee of Bishops was appointed to carry the proposition into effect, but for various reasons decisive action was deferred, until the near approach of the General Convention suggested the propriety of awaiting the possible action of that body in the premises. For these reasons the proposed joint action of the Bishops referred to was never consummated, and for the same reasons I have not issued the compendious directions for Ritual, which were requested by our last Con-

vention. It is very gratifying to me to be able to say, however, that there is great uniformity in Ritual, resulting from unity of feeling and thought, throughout the Diocese, and that the minds of our people, unvexed by questions and strife about words and postures, are increasingly bent upon doing good works, and extending the kingdom of CHRIST.

THE DECLARATION UPON BAPTISM.

It may be expected that I should, in this Address, give my views upon "The Declaration" on Baptism, put forth by the Bishops in council. Whether it was expedient to put forth this or any similar Declaration, is a matter of prudence and discretion, in regard to which the wisest men may differ. My concern now is to explain to you what I have united with other Bishops in declaring concerning a Sacrament of CHRIST.

When we speak of Regeneration, we speak of a great mystery. Our blessed LORD illustrates it by the coming and going of the wind, of which we can tell nothing. It involves the doctrine of the Incarnation—the relation of CHRIST to men, and the membership of man in CHRIST. It is embraced in the idea of the Church as GOD'S family; "for if children, then heirs; heirs of GOD, and joint heirs with CHRIST." Thus childship, membership, and heirship are all connected with true ideas of Regeneration—without which regeneration our LORD teaches us we cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.

Such are the ideas of Regeneration as set forth in Holy Scriptures, and embodied in the formularies of the Church in words which the HOLY GHOST teacheth; words to be explained with all reverence and fidelity to Catholic interpretation of Holy Scripture, but never to be supplanted by other words.

The modern and low views of Holy Baptism, ignoring or ignorant of the exact terminology of the Sacred Scriptures and Church Formularies, have utterly confounded the terms "Regeneration" and "Conversion"; whereas the two can never be interchangeably used in exact theological discourse. The one (Regeneration,) is GOD'S work, alone and entire; neither the will nor work of man entering thereinto. It is, in a word, that which is "*spiritual.*" The other ("Conversion," "Repentance," or what is popularly called "change of heart," &c.,) involves the concurrence of the will of man, and comes within the category of what is, strictly speaking, "*moral.*"

Now, Baptism being GOD'S Sacrament of grace to man, administered in GOD'S Holy Name, and by His Ambassador, conveys to man that which is *spiritual;* not, except potentially, that which is *moral.* The *moral* is, exactly speaking, only predicable of that, wherein the will of men concurs and cooperates, even though, as must be admitted, the spiritual gift underlies and renders possible the moral action. It is of the essence of the moral that it involves the action of the will.

Now, in adult baptism, the moral work of repentance is assumed to have been begun, and in part accomplished, before baptism. The candidate is described as "truly repenting," &c., &c. This moral work of repentance, already wrought in the candidate, is, according to Holy Scripture and Church teaching, a condition precedent to adult baptism. But something more is

needed than repentance and faith. Man is not justified by these, but by grace through these (by Grace THROUGH Faith). Repentance and faith, although conditions of eternal life, and inwrought by the quickening Spirit, do not confer life. Man needs regeneration, adoption, incorporation, remission of sins. "GOD *giveth* to man eternal life, and this life is in His SON." The man comes to baptism with the prayer, not that he may be renewed unto repentance—for his repentance is already supposed—but that he may "receive remission of sin by spiritual regeneration." The change, therefore, as determined by the use of the word "Regenerate," to be wrought in the adult subject in the sacrament of baptism, is not a moral but a spiritual change. For such *spiritual* change, prayers are made before, and thanksgiving rendered after, baptism. Thus to the penitent and believing Saul the message came, and through all time the Church prolongs the message, "Arise and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling upon the name of the LORD!"

Now, in the office of ministration of infant baptism, the same change, and none other, is predicated of the subject of the Sacrament, as in the office of adult baptism. If it be, and we have seen that it is so, that the word Regenerate is not so used in the office of adult baptism as to determine a moral change wrought in the subject in the Sacrament, then it follows that the same word is not so used in the offices of ministration of baptism of infants as to determine the same change in the infant subject; unless, indeed, the word "Regenerate" is used in one sense in the office of infant baptism, and in another sense in the office of adult baptism; which will hardly be contended for.

The argument then stands thus: the word "Regenerate" is not so used in the office of adult baptism, as to determine that a moral change in the subject of baptism is wrought in the Sacrament (for the moral change is insisted on as a condition precedent to baptism); then it follows that the word "Regenerate" "*in the offices of the ministration of baptism of infants is not there so used as to determine that a moral change in the subject of baptism is wrought in the Sacrament,*"—the exact words of the Declaration.

It has been often asked, "why not declare what the word Regenerate did determine, instead of declaring, what it did not determine!" The answer is plain. It needed not to declare what Regeneration did determine. Nothing can be added to what has been already declared in Holy Scripture, and by the Church, viz: that in baptism "I was made a member of CHRIST, the child of GOD, and an inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven." But it did greatly need to correct the low, unphilosophical and unscriptural view of a Sacrament of CHRIST, which reduced the idea of Spiritual Regeneration, (GOD's free gift of grace to men,) to the same level, and confounded it, with a change in the man's own heart and will; thus nullifying the declaration of Holy Scripture, or, at least stripping it of its deep significance, that "We are born, not of the will of man," (which will of man is an essential element in conversion,) "but of GOD."

Thus, in the clear distinction between the "spiritual" and the "moral," you separate in thought, as is most needful, the work of GOD and the work of man, in the matter of eternal salvation.

The "*spiritual*" is a matter of privilege—of grace. The "*moral*" refers to man's duty, and covers the whole range of his responsibility. GOD gives the spiritual—the grace needful. Man must work out the moral; and this constitutes his probation.

If, on the contrary, it be contended that GOD's spiritual regeneration, imparted in baptism, determines the necessary moral change in man, then you destroy the determining power of the will; predetermining all that man's responsibility consists in determining. Unquestionably, the grace and power to do the moral must come from GOD; but the doing it belongs to man, and constitutes, as I said, his moral responsibility.

Therefore, the child, "adopted," "incorporated," "regenerated," must work out its own salvation. At the dawning of its consciousness, it is to be brought under sponsorship and all needful holy nurture. This is the work of education, under the influences of the spiritual life, whose issues are unto all morality and godliness of living, binding thereunto and legitimately ending therein, but not determining thereunto; for man cannot escape the necessity imposed upon him by his rational and moral nature of working out his own salvation; his privilege being that it is GOD, who, by His spiritual gift, worketh in him to will and to do of His good pleasure. In running the race set before him, man may fall and fall often, and he may be renewed again unto repentance. His lapses and his conversions may be as often as his bodily sicknesses and convalescences. Although regenerate and made GOD's child by adoption and grace, he may and does need to be daily renewed by GOD's HOLY SPIRIT. But he can only once *be born*, and *born again* once.

The view of Holy Baptism, which determines a spiritual regeneration on GOD's part, to be followed by all moral training and discipline on man's part, is the only safe, philosophical, Scriptural and Churchly view of the Sacrament; and "the Declaration," now under review, when it comes to be comprehended in all its bearings, will be recognized as not only a great sedative for the times in which it was put forth, but as expounding, by negation, great truths for all time.

So that, to those, who ignorantly or thoughtlessly, or maliciously, assert that all virtue is denied to the Sacrament of Baptism by the terms of the Declaration, and who ask, "what change then does the word" Regenerate determine, if not a moral change? I answer, "a spiritual change"; whereby the child is "adopted," "incorporated," "regenerated"—made "member," "child," and "inheritor," by GOD's HOLY SPIRIT the Lord and Giver of life; and, thenceforward having the privilege of the child, his blessed portion is, as is his great probation, to "make his calling and election sure!"

Let me conclude what I have to say upon this point with one word. Right views of Holy Baptism—its privileges and its responsibilities—underlie all sound theology and all successful pastoral teaching. But what wisdom and spiritual discernment does it not require, not only truly to teach, but rightly to divide the truth; for example, in so presenting the privileges of membership, childship and heirship as to stimulate the souls of our people to the pursuit of holiness; and in so pressing upon their attention the moral duties of life as to en-

hance their appreciation of their high privileges and duties as members of CHRIST, children of GOD, and inheritors of the Kingdom of Heaven; thus making all truth and all aspects of truth, subservient to the great end in view —the Glory of GOD and the edifying of the body of CHRIST.

DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

And now a word in regard to the mission work of the Church. Although I have very frequently touched upon this subject, both in my annual addresses and public exhortations, and although, judging from the past, I cannot expect to excite more than a transient interest, I must still do my duty in the premises, and leave the result with those who have the control over the funds of the Church.

At the commencement of the present year, I hesitated as to whether I should not decline to enter into any arrangements with our missionaries for the supply of any specified sum. For the first six months of the Conventional year, now ended, but one parish had sent in any contribution; notwithstanding the resolution of the Convention, unanimously passed, that offerings should be called for in every parish on the second Sunday of each month. I concluded, however, in view of the fact that eight of our Clergy derived their means of support, in some measure, from the missionary fund, and in view also of the conviction that the neglect to collect the offerings could not to any great extent originate in a spirit of indifference towards the mission work of the Diocese, I concluded to make another effort to have this matter put upon some reliable basis.

Now I am entirely satisfied that the Clergy and Laity of this Diocese are not indifferent to the mission work within its borders; and I am fully aware that they are all doing liberally for their congregational and local enterprises. I do not, therefore, bring in the following estimate as reflecting in any degree upon the measure of their liberality. Far from it—I have occasion on all hands to recognize with devout thankfulness their unusual devotion and liberality in building Churches, in repairing and beautifying the Sanctuary, and in promoting schemes of benevolence. At the same time, let us see how easily, in addition to our local benefactions and contributions, we can, by systematic forethought, and at a cost almost inappreciable, fill our depleted treasury. For this, let the following estimate suffice. We have, as reported in the Journal of 1871, 3,306 communicants. The subscription of a dime per week from each communicant gives, in round numbers, $17,000; of one-half a dime, $8,500; of two cents, $3,400,—more by one-third than the sum reported by the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions.

I know well the difficulty of reducing any scheme of systematic giving, even on a small scale, to practice; but I have made the above estimate to show how inappreciable is the amount required of each communicant to make up the sum required to meet the present appropriations.

If, in the judgment of this Convention, the mission work of the Diocese can be promoted by a change of the present system, by the election of a Missionary Committee, or by any other arrangement, then let such change be

made at once. This I have urged on former occasions, and now renewedly urge upon your earnest consideration. I am wedded to no particular system. I am willing to do whatever the expressed wishes of this Convention may call upon me to do. But to speak in all candor, I am not willing to undertake a responsibility without some assurance from my brethren that I shall have the means of discharging it. Up to this time I have never, that I am aware of, given a promise to any missionary in the field that I have not redeemed; but it has been sometimes at a cost of labor and importunity and, occasionally, of wear and tear of feeling, that I am unwilling longer to encounter. If this matter of providing funds for the mission work of the Church devolved upon the Bishop as one of the functions of his office, and if the uncertainty and trouble ordinarily connected with it were necessarily attendant upon the discharge of that function, I should make no complaint. But it is not so; and it is practicable, with ordinary forethought and system and painstaking, on the part of all concerned, to reduce this whole matter to system.

I do not assume to dictate to any man, nor to any congregation of men, as to how, and when, and where, they shall dispense their benefactions. I do not assume to control the offertory at my visitations. I go further. I do not desire to shape the policy of this body in any proposed plan for a more effective missionary organization. This mission work is not the work of the Bishop alone. It is the work of the whole Church,—each member, in the measure of his part, supplying his meed of service, whether by counsel, by donation, or by executive action. It is a part of the object of our assembling together in convention to devise the ways and means for carrying on the work of the Church. Let us give to this department of the work before us the attention which its importance demands.

It is a great gratification to me to be able to say that I know no body of men and one doing more work, and doing it more contentedly, than the Clergy in this Diocese. I know no Diocese so united in heart and thought. If, with our unity and sympathy and zeal in our respective localities we could go further, and throw ourselves more systematically into accord with the general work of the Church, we should accomplish an incalculable amount of good for the present and future of this Diocese.

Nor should our sympathy and co-operation stop here. We have the work of united Dioceses, that calls for our participation. There, for example, is the University of the South, in part a creation of this Diocese, and in part governed by trustees elected by this Convention. Its trustees unanimously ask for an offering on one of the Sundays in Advent. A fund for building purposes is partially sought in this way. The response to this resolution from all the Dioceses, was very limited and insufficient---the larger part of our Churches making no response whatever.

And then, let us cast our eyes further. As a Diocese, we are but a fragmentary part of the Church on this Continent. A great work is being done by our Clergy and Laity in the northern, central, and western portions of the United States. It is incumbent upon us to do what we can to attest our sym-

pathy and co-operation with the whole missionary and educational work of the Church at home and abroad. We have our Advent calls for domestic missions, and our Epiphany calls for the foreign field. It is our duty to give to all; and if we have but little to give, "to give all diligence gladly, to give of that little." We must, as far as lieth in us, get rid of Congregationalism, Diocesanism, Sectionalism, Nationalism, and of that narrowing besotting thing which is the tap-root of all our selfishness.

In the Providence of God our material condition in this State is at a low ebb. Our industrial affairs are in a very discouraging condition, and we are losing annually some thousands by emigration. The tide of population and industry is in the broad and deep channels of western migration. Many years must pass by before we can hope to see this channel overflowing and peopling our neglected and abandoned fields. It is inevitable but that the Church should feel the depressing influence of this state of things in every way; in the diminution of her resources, the loss of her Clergy, naturally attracted to growing States, and in a general spirit of hopelessness.

Still, while we may decrease, we should rejoice to know that others increase; that what we lose others will gain. We may thus stand contentedly in our lot, and serve God according to the ability which he has given; remembering that He accepteth a man according to that which he hath, if there be first a willing mind.

I have in this report to make mention of the loss from the Diocese of many of our Clergy, with whom we have taken sweet counsel and walked in company to the House of God. This fills me with deep concern. The faithful are minished from our midst. But other hearts will be gladdened by their ministrations, and other fields will bloom under their culture; and therein we must learn to rejoice, yea, we will rejoice.

Meanwhile, brethren beloved, let us close ranks and come nearer together, and widen out the sphere of our several labors, being steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; for as much as we know that our labor shall not be in vain in the Lord.

Faithfully yours,

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

Montgomery, May, 1872.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—Present No.		335
Sunday School—Teachers 12, scholars 117,		Total, 129
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 62, private 4,		Total, 66
Baptisms—Adults 5, infants 21,		Total, 26
Confirmations,		25
Marriages,		7
Funerals,		23
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 4,500 00	
Convention Fund,	880 00	
Current Expenses,	764 56	
Repairs,	3,804 87—$	9,949 43
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	381 58	
City Missions,	223 56	
Sunday School,	388 10—	993 24
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home—Offertory,	160 00	
" " Bazaar,	1,700 00	
Industrial Home—Offertory,	40 00	
" " from Sunday School,	600 00	
" " otherwise,	1,200 00—	3,700 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Increase of the Ministry,		150 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		706 84
Total Expenditures,		$15,499 51

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rector.

May 1st, 1872.

Baptisms—Adults 13, infants 19,	Total, 32
Confirmations,	26
Marriages,	4
Burials,	8
Communicants—Reported in 1871 103; since lost, by removals 14; by death 4; by perversion 1—19; added, by removals 13; by 1st Communion 23—36,	Present No. 120
Sunday School—Teachers 10, scholars 55,	Total, 65
Parish Library—No. of volumes,	150
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 16, private 3,	Total, 19

Collections—Communion Offerings,	$ 225 10	
Weekly Offertory,	705 25	
Offerings of Sunday School,	72 00	
By Subscription Lists,	1,983 60	
By Church Guild,	157 35	
In Mite Chests,	52 07	
Otherwise,	14 00	
Total Collections,		$3,209 37
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary,	$ 1,500 00	
Convention Assessment,	220 00	
Current Expenses,	177 35	
To the Poor,	23 20	
Diocesan Missions,	153 65	
Domestic Missions,	52 07	
To University of the South,	26 00	
To Church at Birmingham,	62 00	
To Mobile Industrial Home for Boys,	120 00	
To Church at Milton, Florida,	25 00	
To Fund for Increase of the Ministry,	300 00	
To Monument for Bishop Cobbs, (omitted last year,)	60 50	
For Books for Parish Library,	49 83	
For Sunday School,	51 20	
Total Appropriations,		$2,820 80

REMARKS.—Arrangements have been consummated for opening a Parochial School for Girls next Autumn, under very favorable auspices and with promise of abundant success. The hope of supplying this great deficiency to our Church work is very cheering to the Rector and to every member of the Parish who is at all aware of its necessity and importance.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 138, died 3, removed 9,			Present No. 131
Baptized persons not Communicants,			134
Total Parishioners,			266
Sunday School—Teachers 9, scholars 60,			Total, 69
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 12, private 3,			Total, 15
Baptisms,			16
Confirmations,			4
Marriages,			3
Funerals,			11
Number of Months spent in the Parish, since last report,			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 1,408 70		
Convention Fund,	192 50		
Current Expenses,	81 50		
Repairs—Rectory,	23 75		
" Church,	750 55—	$ 2,457 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		29 10	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,	92 45		
Monument to Bishop Cobbs,	30 00—	122 45	

Brought forward,		$2,608 55
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	10 00	
Foreign Missions,	10 00	
University of the South,	25 00—	45 00
Total Expenditures,		$2,653 55

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. Hanson, Officiating.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 56, removed 3, added 17,	Present No. 70
Sunday School—Teachers 14, scholars 65,	Total, 79
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	8
Baptisms—Adults 3, infants 6,	Total, 9
Confirmations,	18
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	2

Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,		$ 165 00
Charities and Benefaction in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	$ 54 75	
Other Offerings,	84 45—	139 20
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions,		152 00
Total Expenditures,		$456 20

Remarks.—This Parish seems to be in a growing and prosperous condition. The Church building was consecrated to the worship and service of God on the 4th of April, by the Bishop of the Diocese. The Vestry now wish to obtain a Minister to take charge of the Parish, and it is hoped will soon accomplish their purpose.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Communicants—In 1871, 31, removed 2,	Present No. 29
Sunday School—Teachers, 6, scholars, 30,	Total, 36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	3
Baptisms—Infant,	1
Funerals,	2

Remarks.—We have no Minister, but the prospects of the Church are good. Our members are generally poor, and do not pay much. If we were able to procure the services of an energetic, earnest Rector, we would soon have a large and prosperous Church. The Church is opened and the services read every Sabbath by Capt. B. F. Herr, Lay Reader.

The Rev. T. L. Banister on the 1st Sunday, and the Rev. Wm. A. Stickney on the 5th Sunday after Easter, preached for us. The attendance was large and their preaching and influence was earnest and effective.

THOMAS COBB, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. Stringfellow, Jr., D. D., Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 350, died 2, removed 10,	Present No. 385
Sunday School—Teachers 38, scholars 246,	Total, 284
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 30, private 16,	Total, 46
Baptisms,	42
Confirmations,	44
Marriages,	8
Funerals,	10

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 4,000 00	
Convention Fund,	700 00	
Current Expenses,	849 64	
Repairs,	1,800 48—	$ 7,350 12
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	325 00	
Sunday School Offerings,	1,150 00—	1,475 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	300 00	
Orphan Home,	914 33	
Church at Birmingham,	300 00—	1,514 33
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		200 00
Total Expenditures,		$10,539 45

REMARKS.—The Rev. S. E. NORTON, M. D., since his ordination, has rendered assistance to the Rector in the performance of public service.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. THOS. G. POND, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 59, added 14, removed 6,	Present No. 67
Baptized persons not Communicants—In 1871, 60, added 7,	Total, 67
Total Parishioners,	134
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 47,	Total, 55
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	21
Baptisms—White, adults 2, children 4, colored children 3,	Total, 9
Confirmations—Whites,	11
Funerals—White 1, colored 1,	Total, 2
Number of months spent in the Parish since September 1st, 1871,	8

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, to June, 1872,	$ 600 00	
Convention Fund,	107 50	
Repairs,	1,039 88—	$ 1,747 38
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms,		29 35
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	32 00	
Bishop Cobbs' Monument,	10 00—	42 00
Sent to Diocesan Treasurer, for Chicago,	5 00	
Other Contributions for Church purposes,	43 17—	48 17
Total Expenditures,		$1,866 90

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 217, died 1, present No. 235, Missionary Points 25,	Total, 260
Baptized persons not Communicants,	265
Total Parishioners,	500
Sunday School—Teachers 15, scholars 155,	Total, 170
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	11
Baptisms—Infants 20, adults 5,	Total, 25
Confirmations,	19
Marriages,	8
Funerals,	6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,	11

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 2,500 00	
Convention Fund,	350 00	
Current Expenses,	472 80	
Repairs,	255 30	$ 3,578 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		487 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		164 40
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		46 15
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		505 80
Total Expenditures,		$4,781 70

REMARKS.—About Five Thousand Dollars have been collected and expended in building of the new Church. Rev. S. M. BIRD, who has for more than five years been in charge of the Parish, and who did so much for its developement, resigned the Rectorship on 3d of April, and has gone to Galveston, Texas. We are still without a Rector. The Parish is in good condition and is growing.

A. G. MABRY, Sr. Warden.
N. H. R. DAWSON, Jr. Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, DALLAS COUNTY.

Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 55,	Present No.	56
Baptized persons not Communicants,		45
Total Parishioners,		101
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars, white 25, colored 20,	Total,	50
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		9
Baptisms,		2
Funerals,		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 173 00	
Convention Fund,	50 00	$ 223 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		68 55
Total Expenditures,		$291 55

REMARKS.—I continue to give one service in the month from this Parish to a Mission Station at Warrenton. The attendance at this latter place is encouraging, and the services are well conducted by the aid of a few of my home parishioners, who reside in this vicinity. The results of my ministrations are yet to be seen.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 171, died 2, removed 4,	Present No.	193
Sunday School—Teachers 20, scholars about 200,	Total,	220
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 14, private 3,	Total,	17
Baptisms,		30
Confirmations—On the 13th of May last,		6
Marriages,		5
Funerals,		8
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 2,400 00	
Convention Fund,	440 00	
Current Expenses,	318 71	
Repairs,	751 84—$	3,910 55
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish,		455 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		338 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		151 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,		1,350 58
Total Expenditures,		$6,205 63

REMARKS.—There has been no Episcopal visitation of the Parish this year; and therefore no confirmations, except the six on the evening after the adjournment of the last Convention, which are herein reported.

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH, DALLAS COUNTY—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 16, removed 1,	Present No.	17
Baptized persons not Communicants,		19
Total Parishioners,		36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms—Infant,		1
Confirmations—(No visitation of Bishop.)		
Marriages—White 1, colored 1,	Total,	2
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 153 00	
Convention Fund,	50 00—$	203 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		10 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		5 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		7 05
Total Expenditures,		$225 05

REMARKS.—The condition of this Parish is very encouraging, and would doubtless be more so, could more frequent services be held. The present Rector officiates only one Sunday in each month, and cannot bestow upon it so much time as is desirable. The Church edifice is greatly in need of extensive repairs and an effort will be made, during the coming summer and fall, to re-build it entirely.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants,	Present No.	27
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		4
Baptisms—Infants,		3
Marriages,		2
Funerals,		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		8

REMARKS.—No change of importance has occurred in this Parish. The Church tower was struck by lightning in 1870 and very much injured. Efforts are now being made to repair it.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 68, added 15, removed 12,		Present No.	71
Baptized persons not Communicants—Not known.			
Total Parishioners—About,			100
Sunday School—Teachers 7, scholars 34,		Total,	41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			12
Baptisms—Infants,			10
Confirmations,			3
Marriages—White 7, colored 1,		Total,	8
Funerals,			2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 1,600 00		
Convention Fund,	165 00		
Current Expenses,	140 25		
Repairs,	94 50—	$ 1,999	75
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		96	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		48	35
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		268	75
Total Expenditures,		$2,412	85

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 17,		Present No.	20
Baptized persons not Communicants,			30
Total Parishioners,			50
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 17,		Total,	22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			12
Baptisms—Adults 7, infants 2,		Total,	9
Confirmations,			3
Marriages,			5
Funerals,			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector from May, '71 to '72,	$ 275 00		
Convention Fund,	75 00—	$ 350	00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		71	70
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		9	10
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South,		10	20
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		5	00
Total Expenditures,		$446	00

Remarks.—At points north and west of this place five confirmed persons not counted in this report.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rector.

May 7th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 410, died 7, removed 37,		Present No. 435
Sunday School—Teachers 35, scholars 275,		Total, 310
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, every Sunday and Christmas, Private 14,		Total, 67
Baptisms—Adults 15, infants 58,		Total, 73
Confirmations,		53
Marriages,		27
Funerals,		46
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$ 605 00	
Current Expenditures,	1,785 00	
Repairs and Improvements,	3,089 10—	$ 5,479 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		195 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		305 00
Charities and Benefactions to the poor of the City,		1,305 45
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	27 25	
Foreign Missions,	23 25	
University of the South,	20 95	
Increase of the Ministry,	21 75—	93 20
Total Expenditures,		$ 7,377 75

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE,

Rev. Stephen U. Smith, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 16, removed 1,		Present No. 21
Baptized persons not Communicants,		19
Total Parishioners,		40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		10
Baptisms—Adults 1, infants 8,		Total, 9
Confirmations,		3
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector, May '71 to May '72,	$522 00	
Convention Fund,	82 50—	$504 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms,		28 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions,		22 85
Charities and Benefaction beyond the Diocese—University of the South,		4 45
Total Expenditures,		$ 559 95

Remarks.—At points south of this, five confirmed persons not recognized in this report.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 46, removed 2,	Present No. 48
Baptized persons not Communicants,	38
Total Parishioners,	86
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 36,	Total, 44
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 12, private 3,	Total, 15
Baptisms—Infants,	4
Confirmations,	3
Funerals,	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,	12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector,	$ 175 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms,	61 50
Total Expenditures,	$ 236 50

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

May 7th, 1872.

Communicants—Removed 4,		Present No. 22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		12
Baptisms—White,		1
Confirmations,		2
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 600 00	
Convention Fund,	105 00	
Current Expenses,	32 25—	$ 737 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		17 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		146 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic and Foreign Missions,	30 00	
University of the South,	20 00—	$ 50 00
Total Expenditures,		$ 950 75

Remarks.—Since the resignation of the Rector, Rev. J. Y. Gholson, there has been one service—(Easter Day) Rev. W. A. Stickney officiating. Communion administered and occasionally Lay Reading. I am pleased to say that the Rev. W. A. Stickney has accepted a call as Rector of the Parish, and will officiate two Sundays in the Month, commencing on Whitsunday.

DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Ass't Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 339, died 3, present No.—No data for correct report.	
Sunday School—Teachers 25, scholars 200,	Total, 225
Confirmations,	23
Marriages,	21
Funerals,	38

Remarks.—The above report was filled from the Parish Register, in which nothing is found in regard to the Parochial Expenditures and the Charities and Benefactions.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON—Rev. P. A. FITTS, Deacon in Charge.

May 7th, 1872.

Baptisms—Infants,	7
Confirmations—(No Episcopal visitation.)	
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	2
Communicants—At last report 45, added 6, ... Present No.	51
Baptized persons not Communicants,	49
Total Parishioners,	100
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 30, ... Total,	35
Communions administered,	5
Communion offerings,	$ 56 50
Collections—For Church Edifice,	2,344 40
For other Church purposes,	176 25
For Sunday Schools,	75 00
Total,	$2,652 15

BIRMINGHAM.—Rev. P. A. FITTS, Deacon in Charge.

May 7th, 1872.

Communicants,	16
Baptized persons not Communicants,	11
Total Parishioners,	27
Collections—To build Chapel,	$315 00
For other Church purposes,	46 25
Total,	$361 25

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 27, died, 2, removed, 1, ... Present No.		25
Baptized persons not Communicants		16
Total Parishioners,		41
Sunday School—Teachers, 6, scholars, 20, ... Total,		26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		11
Baptisms—Infants,		5
Confirmations,		2
Funerals,		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		9
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 305 00	
Convention Fund,	40 00—$	345 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	47 10	
Purchase and Fitting up of Rectory,	1,000 00—	1,047 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		25 20
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		15 15
Total Expenditures,		$1,432 45

REMARKS.—Within the past year this Parish, though by no means strong, either numerically or pecuniarily, has purchased and partly furnished a small but comfortable Parsonage. Of the sum expended on the Parsonage, at least

$500 00 was raised by the ladies together with the children and teachers of the Sunday School.

The Rector desires to record here his grateful acknowledgment of the many substantial kindnesses, as well as delicate attentions of every kind, which he has received from his parishioners.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA, CHOCTAW COUNTY,

Rev. T. Lewis Banister, Rector.

May 7th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 18, died 2, removed 1,	Present No.	21
Baptized persons not Communicants,		27
Total Parishioners,		48
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 21,	Total,	26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		6
Baptisms—Infants 4, adults 1,	Total,	5
Confirmations,		1
Marriages—White 3, colored 2,	Total,	5
Funerals,		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		4

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector,	$ 600 00	
Convention Fund,	15 75	
Current Expenses,	3 78	
Easter Offering—Sunday School,	6 20—$	625 73
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms—(Calvary Church, $27 40; Mt. Sterling, $1 05; Butler, $1 00,		29 45
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		30 00
Total Expenditures,		$ 685 18

Remarks.—Entered on duty 2d Sunday in January. Report of salary embraces amount received from Diocesan Mission Fund of $200 00. In addition must be added the board of the Rector, which increases the salary to about double the amount given above. No visitation of the Bishop since I have entered on charge. Report includes Mt. Sterling and Butler.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL, MOBILE COUNTY.

F. W. Damus, Officiating Rector.

May 4th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 24,	Present No.	31
Baptized persons not Communicants,		63
Total Parishioners,		94
Sunday School—Teachers 10, scholars 90,	Total,	100
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		13
Baptisms,		5
Confirmations,		4
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector, (offertory,)	$ 189 20	
Current Expenses,	467 20	
Repairs,	6 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms included in Salary of Rector.		
Total Expenditures,		$663 40

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND PRECINCT—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 23,	Present No.	23
Baptized persons not Communicants,		58
Total Parishioners,		91
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 10, private 8,	Total,	18
Confirmations,		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 305 00	
Convention Fund,	50 00—$	355 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		73 95
Total Expenditures,		$ 428 95

Remarks.—My services are divided equally between this Parish and St Paul's, Carlowville, as formerly.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE—Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 21,	Present No.	21
Baptized persons not Communicants,		25
Total Parishioners,		46
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms—Infants,		3
Confirmations,		3
Marriages,		2
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 100 00	
Convention Fund,	25 00—$	125 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		10 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		5 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		13 70
Total Expenditures,		$ 154 00

Remarks.—Notwithstanding some discouraging features, yet there can be but little doubt that here, as well as elsewhere, patience and perseverance will in due time gather in a plentiful harvest. It is greatly to be regretted that services cannot be held more frequently than once a month, which is as often as the present Rector is able to officiate.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.—Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 49, removed 6,	Present No.	43
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 35,	Total,	40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		17
Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 5,	Total,	7
Confirmations,		4
Marriages,		2
Funerals,		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE, ALA.

May 11th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 57, removed 8,		Present No. 49
Baptized persons not Communicants,		69
Total Parishioners,		130
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 40,		Total, 48
Baptisms,		8
Confirmations,		2
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 500 00	
Current Expenses,	50 00	
Balance on Organ,	60 00	
For other purposes,	15 00—	$ 625 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms,		15 00
Total Expenditures,		$ 640 00

REMARKS.—Since January 1st, 1872, we have been without a Rector, but have had Lay Services regularly on the Sabbath, which have been well attended. We had daily Lenten Services which were unusually well attended.

S. M. WILSON, Senior Warden.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TALLASSEE.—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.

May 6th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 29, died 1, removed 2,		Present No. 35
Baptized persons not Communicants,		12
Total Parishioners,		47
Sunday School—Teachers 13, scholars 90,		Total, 103
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		13
Baptisms—Infants 3, adults 3,		Total, 6
Confirmations,		8
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 1,200 00	
Convention Fund,	55 00	
Current Expenses,	40 00	
Insurance Policy for Rector of Parish,	250 00—	$ 1,545 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	94 75	
For a needy person, a special contribution,	22 15	
Christmas Tree,	67 00	
Lenten Offerings,	15 55—	199 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	18 75	
Convocation,	9 40—	28 15
Total Expenditures,		$1,772 60

REMARKS.—There are five Communicants of the Church near Cross Keys, Macon County. At this place, last July, the Rev. Mr. TICKNOR and myself held two day's services and administered Communion.

I have officiated one Sunday, during the year past, at Mt. Meigs, and administered the Communion to the few communicants there.

CANEBRAKE MISSION.

FAUNSDALE, Marengo County.

Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D.

Rt. Rev. Father: My work the past year has been to give bi-monthly services to the colored congregation of Faunsdale Chapel, and monthly to the town of DAYTON. Here the Presbyterians kindly lent us their place of worship. Congregations have been uniformly good and attentive. Communicants in this place, ten.

To LINDEN I have given two Sundays, holding services in the Courthouse; well attended. There are three communicants in this place.

I gave one Sunday and a week day to the Parish of St. James, Livingston—three services and sermons with one celebration of the Holy Communion. All well attended. Also, met with their Vestry for business, and had a special service with instruction for the Sunday School and Communicants.

In the absence of their Rectors, and at their solicitation, I have given some twenty services and sermons to neighboring Parishes; celebrated Holy Communion fourteen times; married four couples; baptized three infants and attended three funerals.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

Communicants at Easter,	14
Celebration of Holy Communion,	2
Baptisms—Infants,	9
Confirmations,	3
Marriages,	5
Funerals,	5

Every Sunday of the year has been occupied with public services, unless overruled by providential interference. The same of marked week days of Church and State appointment.

Your Ob't Servant and Son in the Church,
W. A. STICKNEY, Presbyter.

TALLADEGA MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

May 7th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 34, removed 1,	Present No.	45
Baptized persons not Communicants,		55
Total Parishioners,		100
Sunday School—Teachers 2, scholars 15,	Total,	17
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms—Infants 6, adults 4,	Total,	10
Confirmations,		7
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 50 00	
Rent for Service Room,	125 00—$	175 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		39 85
Total Expenditures,		$214 85

REMARKS.—The prospects of the Church at this place continue to brighten. We have in course of erection a Chapel 22 feet wide by 30 feet long, which will be finished, we hope, in a few weeks. This done, our advance, we doubt not, will be more rapid than heretofore. The harvest truly is great—but O, that we had the laborers!

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DeB. Waddell, Deacon in Charge.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—Present No.		17
Baptized persons not Communicants,		7
Total Parishioners,		24
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms,		4
Confirmations,		6
Number of Months spent in the Parish, since last report,		5
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 200 00	
Rent of Lodge for Divine Service,	100 00	
Current Expenses,	85 50—$	385 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Weekly Offertory,		27 00
Total Expenditures,		$412 50

SEALE STATION MISSION.—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Deacon Officiating.

May 8th, 1872.

Communicants—In 1871, 18, removed 2,	Present No.	25
Baptized persons not Communicants,		20
Total Parishioners,		45
Sunday School—Teachers 2, scholars 20,	Total,	22
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Baptisms,		6
Confirmations,		8
Funerals,		1
No. of months spent in the Parish since last report, here and at Union Springs,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Missionary,	$ 300 00	
House Rent for same,	150 00	
Rent of Masonic Lodge for Services,	50 00	
Total Expenditures,		$500 00

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, DECATUR.—Rev. Jno. M. Robertson, Missionary.

April 30th, 1872.

Communicants—At last report, 13, added 2,	Present No.	15
Baptisms—Adults,		2
Confirmations,		7
Funerals,		2

Sunday School—None, from want of some male member to act as Superintendent.

Divine Service held twice monthly and twice a day. Communion administered monthly. Money collected for Bishop's Salary $22 00, amount of assessment. Money received from the Bishop for Missionary services $147 50—from the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville, from Sept. 1871 till April 1872, $98. Cash from Vestry of St. Paul's Church, Decatur, as salary $172 00. Offerings at Communion $11.

MADISON STATION MISSION.—Rev. Jno. M. Robertson, Missionary.

April 30th, 1872.

Began to hold Divine Services here in July, 1871, monthly. Preached twice and administered the Holy Communion every appointment.

Communicants—At last report 12, added 1, removed 2,.....Present No. 11

A lot has been given, eligibly situated, for the erection of a Church, which it is hoped will be accomplished in the course of a year.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave to submit the following Report:

Since their last Annual Report to the Convention, the Bonds of the Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Company have been collected; and they are now advised that the Bonds of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company will prove to be of considerable value. They are in the hands of a skillful attorney, at Pensacola, for management.

The Treasurer's Report shows that all of the Funds that have been collected have been invested upon ample security. All of these investments have been made with our sanction and approval. The Funds now at interest, as shown by an abstract accompanying the Treasurer's Report, amounts to the sum of Fourteen Thousand Dollars, besides the sum of Three Hundred and Forty-two Dollars and Eighty-five cents which has been received by him since the meeting of the Convention. The value of the Funds thus collected and invested by the present Trustees, is $14,342 50. This does not include the Alabama and Florida Railroad Bonds, and the uncollected notes belonging to the original Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON,
GEO. O. BAKER,
A. G. MABRY.

May 10th, 1872.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In account with BISHOP'S FUND.

DR.

1871.			
May 10.—To balance Cash on hand,			$16 10
" 24.—" interest on note T. C. Osborne,	$ 4 00		
" " —" " " S. A. Pasteur,	4 00		
" " —" " " Ann T. Randolph,	8 00		
June 2.—" amount collected on note of M. Jarvis	74 00		
" " —" " " of J. McK. Gould,	21 60		
July 15.—" interest from P. L. Lightfoot	16 00		
Sept'r 1.—" " collected on Bonds of Selma Gas Co., Nos. 2, 12, 13, 31, 32, 36 and 37,	140 00		
Dec'r 12.—" Nett Proceeds from seven Bonds Alabama and Mississippi Railroad Company each for $500 00,	4,988 90		
1872.			
March 1.—To interest collected on 7 Bonds of Selma Gas Co., each $500 00, for 6 months,	140 00—	$5,396 50	
May 10.—" interest from St. John's, Montgomery,	400 00		
" " —" " " Chas. T. Pollard,	20 00		
" " —" " " P. T. Sayre,	8 00—	428 00	
		$5,824 50	

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1872.	
Jan'y 1.—By amount loaned N. H. R. Dawson, secured by mortgage on Real Estate,	$5,000 00
March 1.—By amount paid for one Bond of Selma Gas Light Co., No. 3, $500,	481 65
" " —By balance on hand,	342 85
	$5,824 50

PERMANENT INVESTMENTS.

Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Co., Nos. 2, 12, 13, 31, 32, 36, and 37, each $500 00,	$3,500 00
Note of Rector, Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, April 11th, 1872,	5,000 00
Note of N. H. R. Dawson, January 1st, 1872,	5,000 00
One Bond of Selma Gas Light Co, No .3, $500.00,	500 00
	$14,000 00

APPENDIX D.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 1872.

T. B. ROY, *Treasurer*,

In account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABA

DR.

1871.		
May 10.—To	balance Cash on hand,	$ 91
1871-72.—To	Cash from Trinity Church, Demopolis,	16
" " "	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	70
" " "	St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	3
" " "	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	22
" " "	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	9
" " "	Christ Church, Mobile,	88
" " "	St. Paul's Church, Selma,	35
" " "	St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	8
" " "	St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	2
" " "	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	18
" " "	St. John's Church, Elyton,	5
" " "	St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	8
" " "	St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	11
" " "	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	10
" " "	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	9
" " "	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	7
" " "	Grace Church, Portland,	4
" " "	St. John's Church, Mobile,	11
" " "	Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	4
" " "	St. James' Church, Livingston,	10
" " "	Athens Mission,	2
" " "	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	44
" " "	Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	2
" " "	Trinity Church, Mobile,	60
" " "	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	16
" " "	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	2
" " "	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	9
" " "	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	7
" " "	St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,	1
" " "	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,	4
" " "	Talladega Mission,	4
" " "	Montevallo Mission,	
" " "	St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,	5
		$6,07
To Balance,		$81

CR.

1871.			
	Diocese of Alabama.		
May 12.	—By Cash to R. M. Nelson, Secretary, for expenses of Convention 1871,	$ 40 00	
" "	—By Cash to R. M. Nelson, Secretary, for his expenses of Convention 1871,	50 00	
" 13.	—By premium on Life Policy of Bishop R. H. Wilmer, Piedmont and Arlington Life Ins. Co. due 26th May, 1871,	129 25	
Aug. 11.	—By draft R. M. Nelson, Secretary, favor Henry Farrow & Co. for printing Journal of Convention 1871,	447 00	
Oct. 23.	—By amount paid Nathan Matthews, Treasurer General Convention, assessment of this Diocese for expense thereof,	81 00—	$ 747 25
	Expense Account.		
Aug. 7.	—By cash for Postage Stamps,	5 00	
Sept. 1.	—" " " Letter Book and Letter File,	2 90	
Oct. 17.	—" " " Circulars and printed Receipts,	5 00—	12 90
	Bishop R. H. Wilmer.		
June 26.	—By amount paid on Salary, 1870–'71,	400 00	
July 28.	—" " " " 1870–'71,	27 50	
Aug. 25.	—" " " " 1870–'71,	500 00	
Dec. 23.	—" " " " 1870–'71,	143 00	
" "	—" " " " 1871–'72,	357 00	
1872.			
Feb'y 12.	—" " " " 1871–'72,	1,000 00	
April 19.	—" " " " 1871–'72,	500 00	
May 9.	—" " " " 1871–'72,	1,072 50—	4,000 00
	Annuity of Mrs. Cobbs.		
May 9.	—By amount paid Rev. R. H. Cobbs,		500 00
	To Balance,		819 80
			$6,079 95

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS.

St. Alban's, Gainesville,	$ 57 50
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	20 00
St. Paul's, Decatur,	16 50
St. Michael's, Marengo,	32 75
St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	2 50
St. Paul's, Carlowville,	10 00
Grace Church, Portland,	13 70
St. John's, Mobile,	156 55
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	6 75
St. Thomas', Greenville,	82 50
	$398 75

Brought forward,	$398 [illegible]
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	[illegible]
Trinity Church, Florence,	123 [illegible]
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	77 [illegible]
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	20 [illegible]
St. Mary's, Evergreen,	25 [illegible]
St. David's, Dallas,	100 [illegible]
St. Peter's, Lowndes,	50 [illegible]
St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	25 [illegible]
Madison Station Mission,	57 [illegible]
Athens Mission,	6 [illegible]
Montevallo Mission,	19 [illegible]
Guntersville Mission,	[illegible]
St. Paul's, Whistler,	[illegible]
	$997 [illegible]

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts,	$6,07[illegible]
Total Disbursements,	5,90[illegible]
Balance on hand,	$ 81[illegible] 80

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand,	$81[illegible] 80
Arrearages,	99[illegible] 43
	$1,81[illegible] 2[illegible]

LIABILITIES.

Balance due Bishop on salary '71–'72,	$1,07[illegible] [illegible]

APPENDIX E.

ount of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

IPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,

In account with DIOCESAN MISSIONS OF ALABAMA.

DR.

1.

8.—To Balance,	$371 [illegible]
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	218 80
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	300 00
St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	202 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	360 45
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	9 10
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	25 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	14 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	92 45
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	21 [illegible]
St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	15 [illegible]
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	153 25
Trinity Church, Mobile,	297 05
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	19 50
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	18 75
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	35 75
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	103 75
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	32 00
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	52 00
Grace Church, Portland,	48 00
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	8 15
Talladega Mission,	8 45
St. John's Church, Mobile,	20 70
Grace Church, County Line,	13 45
St. David's Church, Dallas,	5 00
Hayneville,	17 85
Faunsdale Station,	40 00
	$2,412 62

2.

1.—To Balance,	$ 409 35

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9.—By Bishop Wilmer's Draft, in favor Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	$ 50 00
16.— " " " " " " " DeB. Waddell,	75 00
" — " " " " " " " J. H. Ticknor,	75 00
	$ 200 00

	Brought forward,	$200
"	18.—By Bishop Wilmer's Draft in favor of Rev. J. F. Smith,	75
"	" — " " " " " " " J. M. Robertson,	97
"	31.— " " " " " " " F. B. Lee,	18
"	" — " " " " for Books and Tracts,	4
June	19.— " " " " in favor Rev. W. J. Perdue,	5
"	21.— " " " " " " Hayneville Church,	1
"	" — " " " " " " Lowndes Church,	1
"	" — " " " " " " Decatur Church,	3
"	30.— " " " " " " Rev. J. F. Smith,	5
July	10.— " " " " " " " R. A. Cobbs,	10
Aug.	21.— " " " " " " " T. G. Pond,	1
Nov.	24.— " " " " " " " DeB. Waddell,	10
"	25.— " " " " " " " J. M. Robertson,	3
"	" — " " " " " " " J. F. Smith,	5
Dec.	18.— " " " " " " " DeB. Waddell,	5
"	21.— " " " " " " " J. H. Ticknor,	6
1872.		
Jan'y	8.— " " " " " " " T. G. Pond,	70
"	15.— " " " " " " " J. M. Robertson,	50
"	19.— " " " " for Books and Tracts,	25
"	29.— " " " " in favor Rev. R. A. Cobbs,	50
Feb'y	1.— " " " " " " " J. H. Ticknor,	50
"	3.— " " " " " " " DeB. Waddell,	50
"	10.— " " " " " " " J. F. Smith,	100
"	21.— " " " " " " " DeB. Waddell,	100
"	28.— " " " " " " " J. F. Smith,	100
Mch.	18.— " " " " " " " J. M. Robertson,	79
April	6.— " " " " " " " F. B. Lee,	13
"	" — " " " " for Books and Tracts,	20
	By Balance,	409
		$2,412

JOSEPH W. FIELD,
Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Society.

MOBILE, May 1st, 1872.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

.....CHURCH,.....

.....1873.

ICANTS—In 1872, ; Added ; Died ; Removed ;
Present Number.....
) PERSONS NOT COMMUNICANTS .....

TAL PARISHIONERS.....
SCHOOL—Teachers ; Scholars ; .....Total
TION OF HOLY COMMUNION—Public ; Private ; Total
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of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....

	ITEMS.	TOTALS.
IAL EXPENDITURES—		
Salary of Rector.....		
Convention Fund.....		
Current Expenses.....		
Repairs.....		
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IES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE PARISH—		
Communion Alms.....		
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IES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE DIOCESE—		
Church Home.....		
Diocesan Missions.....		
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IES AND BENEFACTIONS BEYOND THE DIOCESE—		
Domestic Missions.....		
Foreign Missions.....		
University of the South.....		
Increase of the Ministry.....		
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES,.....		
OTAL EXPENDITURES,.....		

REMARKS.

Form of Certificate.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,
PARISH.

This certifies that at a meeting of the Vestry of——Church, at——, held on the——day of——, 18——, A, B and C were duly elected Lay Deputies to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at its Annual Convention in the year of our Lord 18——.

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OF THE

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IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA;

HELD IN TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE,

MAY 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th,

A. D. 1873.

MOBILE:
HENRY FARROW & CO., PRINTERS.
1873.

List of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.....Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity,....Huntsville.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,.....Mobile.
" WM. BRITTAIN, St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,.....Greenville.
" *LOUIS BISSEY,.....———
" J. J. CLEMENS, St. Paul's Church,.....Selma.
" R. A COBBS, St. Andrew's, Hayneville, and St. Paul's, Lowndesboro.
" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,.....Greensboro.
" *T. A. COOK,.....Talladega.
" CHARLES H. COLEY, Trinity Church,.....Demopolis.
" F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, ...Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church,.....Eufaula.
" PHILIP A. FITTS, St. John's Church, Elyton, and Church of the Advent,.....Birmingham.
" JOHN FULTON, D. D., Christ Church, ...Mobile.
" JAS. D. GIBSON, St. Paul's Church,.....Whistler.
" F. R. HANSON, St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....Demopolis.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,.....Tuskaloosa.
" *F. B. LEE, Grace Church, Portland, and St. Paul's.....Carlowville.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,.....Mobile.
" B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church,.....Tallassee.
" *W. J. PERDUE, Evangelist,.....Gadsden.
" THOS. G. POND, St. Wilfrid's Church,..... .....Marion.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON, Evangelist, ...Huntsville.
" *CHAS. P. RODEFER,..... .....———
" W. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's, Marengo County,..Faunsdale.
" J. F. SMITH, Evangelist,... .....Talladega.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's, Greene Co. and St. Stephen's, Eutaw.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D., St. John's Church,.Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, Emmanuel Church,..... ....Opelika.
" DEBERNIERE WADDELL, Evangelist, Union Springs,.Seale Station.

DEACONS.

" SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D.,.....Montgomery.
" JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, asst. St. John's Church,..Montgomery.
" *D. STUART HAMILTON,.....Pushmataha.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

Rev. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, ... Montgomery.
" SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., ... Montgomery.
W. JAMES LEMON, ... Nashotah.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

CHARLES A. BRADFORD, ... Mobile.
THOMAS W. HALL, ... Baltimore.
EDWARD L. STICKNEY, ... Florida.
HERBERT N. LATHROP, ... ———
INNISS O. ADAMS, ... University of the South.
JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, ... University of the South.
DANIEL F. HOKE, ... University of the South.
CHARLES E. CABANISS, ... Huntsville.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
ASA J. ROBERTS, Mobile.
DAVID H. MINGE, St. Michael's.
JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
THOMAS D. CORY, Autaugaville.
WM. B. MATTHEWS, Eufaula.
LUTHER SKINNER, Tuskaloosa,
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
W. F. PIERCE, Eutaw.
ELLIS PHELAN, Elyton.
PAUL JONES, Athens.
ROBERT BLISS, Florence.
CHAS. E. CABANISS, Huntsville.
B. F. HERR, Livingston.
NATHANIEL HAWKINS, Elyton.
R. M. JARVIS, Selma.
J. WITHERS CLAY, Huntsville.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro.
W. Y. TITCOMB, Evergreen.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro.
DAVID BUEL, Greenville.
JAS. H. FITTS, Tuskaloosa.
W. S. BIRD, Eutaw.
W. T. MILNER, Birmingham.
H. E. WILLARD, Decatur.
WALKER HOPKINS, Mad'n Station.
ALEX. COLVILLE, Tallassee.
JOHN H. FORNEY, Jacksonville.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile—

Daniel McNeill,
*F. B. Clark,
R. S. Bunker,
Thomas S. Fry,
Stephens Croom,
M. Temple Taylor, alternate.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—

S. J. Leach,
J. H. Fitts,
*W. A. Cochrane,
*E. N. C. Snow,
*A. S. Nicolson.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

*C. L. Stickney,
*A. Benners,
*J. G. Harvey,
*A. B. Pittman,
*T. B. Randolph.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

J. R. Robertson,
H. W. Reese.

St. James' Church, Livingston—

B. F. Herr,
*Thomas Cobbs,
J. G. Whitfield,
*G. M. Quarles,

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

Joel White,
Robert Tyler,
*J. S. Weatherley,
*C. T. Pollard,
R. F. Michel.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

*J. J. Seawell,
*S. J. McKerall,
*Chambers Graham,
*N. Lockett,
*J. Walthall.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

*N. H. R. Dawson,
R. M. Nelson,
*H. V. R. Watson,
William Berg,
*Thomas Peters, Jr.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—

*C. C. Clay,
*Peter M. Dox,
Robert E. Coxe,
*W. W. Garth,
Wm. L. Clay.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—

*H. A. Tayloe,
W. P. Bocock,
*W. W. Dugger,
*R. N. Dugger.

St. James' Church, Eufaula—

W. H. Bray,
J. M. Macon,
*C. J. Pope,
*James Ross.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

J. A. Brown,
H. T. Toulmin,
R. Moore,
*E. A. Thomas,
G. A. Moses.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—

JAMES B. HEAD.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene—

*J W. MCALPIN,
*JAMES I. THORNTON,
E. F. BOUCHELLE.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County—

*DAVID MINGE,
*JOHN W. DUBOSE,
*C. V. BADENHAUSEN.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

JAMES BOND,
W. T. WALTHALL,
DANIEL HARRIS,
W. H. BEATTY,
W. H. KELLY.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—

*A. F. POSEY,
*S. M. WILSON,
D. BUEL.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'—

*H. H. WHETSTONE,
*W. H. WHETSTONE.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika—

*G. W. HOOPER,
E. C. BOWEN,
*S. G. JONES,
F. STRANGE,
*R. C. JETER.

St. Paul's Church, Whistler—

*JOHN EGGLER,
*LOUIS LUDE,
*J. H. HAMPSHIRE,
JOHN WALTON,
C. W. COX.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham—

*WM. GESNER,
*ELLIS PHELAN,
*GEO. R. WARD,
*R. H. PEARSON,
*S. W. GILLESPIE.

Trinity Church, Union Springs—

*JAS. M. GOODWIN,
*W. G. BEALE,
*C. B. KELLER,
*D. W. MCIVER,
H. C. TOMPKINS.

Those marked [*] were not in attendance.

Officers of the Convention.

President.

THE RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Secretary.—REV. RICHARD H. COBBS, GREENSBORO'.

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Treasurer of Diocesan Missionary Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, MOBILE.

Registrar.—M. E. MACARTNEY, MOBILE.

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Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. DAWSON, ...SELM

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" F. R. HANSON,
" J. H. TICKNOR,
" J. F. SMITH,
" R. H. COBBS,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,
" J. C. DAVIS,
Mr. ROBT. S. BUNKER,
" S. J. LEACH,
" WM. BERG,
" J. R. ROBERTSON.

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" PHILIP A. FITTS,
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" B. F. HERR,
" STEPHENS CROOM.

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" JOEL WHITE,
" J. H. FITTS,
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" RITTENHOUSE MOORE,
Mr. W. H. BRAY,
" H. W. REESE,
" W. T. WALTHALL,
Rev. W. A. STICKNEY,
" B. F. MOWER,
" T. G. POND.

Committee on Unfinished Business.

Rev. DeB. WADDELL, Mr. J. B. HEAD.

Committee on Bishop Cobbs' Monument.

Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D.
Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS, Mr. C. T. POLLARD.

Committee of Advice in Regard to Church Property.

Messrs. N. W. PERRY, M. E. MACARTNEY, JAMES BOND.
Mobile, Ala.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-second Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Trinity Church, Mobile, on the 14th day of May, 1873.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. C. H. COLEY and Rev. R. H. COBBS. The Ante-Communion Service by the Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, the Epistle being read by the Rev. Dr. BANISTER, and the Gospel by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. B. F. MOWER, from the text: St. John, chapter 5th, 40th verse:

"Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life."

Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese; the Offertory being devoted to the relief of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, which was lately injured by a tornado.

The Convention then retired to the Hall of the Musical Association of Mobile, where it was called to order by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, who presented the following:

LIST OF THE CLERGY ENTITLED TO SEATS.

RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. R. A. COBBS,
" T. J. BEARD,	" RICHARD H. COBBS,
" WM. BRITTAIN,	" C. H. COLEY,
" J. J. CLEMENS,	" F. W. DAMUS,
" J. C. DAVIS,	" P. A. FITTS,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.	" J. D. GIBSON,
" F. R. HANSON,	" GEO. H. HUNT,
" F. B. LEE,	" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" B. F. MOWER,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" T. G. POND,	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" W. A. STICKNEY,	" J. F. SMITH,
" S. U. SMITH,	" H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
" J. H. TICKNOR,	" DEB. WADDELL,
" SAMUEL E. NORTON, Deacon,	" J. H. STRINGFELLOW, Deacon.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the roll of the Clergy as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	REV. J. J. CLEMENS,
" R. A. COBBS,	" RICHARD H. COBBS,
" C. H. COLEY,	" P. A. FITTS,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.	" J. D. GIBSON,
" F. R. HANSON,	" G. H. HUNT,
" B. F. MOWER,	" T. G. POND,
" W. A. STICKNEY,	" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" DEB. WADDELL,	" J. H. STRINGFELLOW.

Total present, the Bishop, fifteen Presbyters and one Deacon.

The list of Parishes was then called and the credentials of Lay Deputies were laid upon the Secretary's table. The credentials were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS, T. G. POND and P. A. FITTS.

The Committee on Credentials reported through Rev. R. A. COBBS, Chairman, and the following were found entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

Daniel McNeill, F. B. Clark, R. S. Bunker,
Thomas S. Fry, Stephens Croom,
M. Temple Taylor, alternate.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

S. J. Leach, J. H. Fitts, W. A. Cochrane,
E. N. C. Snow, A. S. Nicolson.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

C. L. Stickney, A. Benners, J. G. Harvey,
A. B. Pittman, T. B. Randolph.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

J. R. Robertson, H. W. Reese.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

B. F. Herr. Thomas Cobbs, J. G. Whitfield,
G. M. Quarles.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Joel White, Robert Tyler, J. S. Weatherley,
C. T. Pollard, R. F. Michel.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

J. J. Seawell, S. W. McKerall, Chambers Graham,
N. Lockett, J. Walthall.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson, H. V. R. Watson,
William Berg, Thomas Peters, Jr.

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C. C. Clay, Peter M. Dox, Robert E. Coxe,
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St. Andrew's Church, Macon.

H. A. Tayloe, W. P. Bocock, W. W. Dugger,
R. N. Dugger.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray, J. M. Macon, C. J. Pope,
James Ross.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

James B. Head.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

J. A. Brown, H. T. Toulmin, R. Moore,
E. A. Thomas, G. A. Moses.

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.

J. W. McAlpin, James I. Thornton, E. F. Bouchelle.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

David Minge, John W. DuBose, C. V. Badenhausen.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, W. T. Walthall, Daniel Harris,
W. H. Beatty, W. H. Kelly.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

H. H. Whetstone, W. H. Whetstone.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika.

G. W. Hooper, E. C. Bowen, S. G. Jones,
F. Strange, R. C. Jeter.

St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

John Eggler, Louis Lude, J. H. Hampshire,
John Walton, C. W. Cox.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present of the Lay Deputies:

Messrs. Dan'l McNeill,	Messrs. Joel White,	Messrs. H. T. Toulmin,
R. S. Bunker,	Robert Tyler,	R. Moore,
Stephens Croom,	R. F. Michel,	G. A. Moses,
T. S. Fry,	R. M. Nelson,	E. F. Bouchelle,
S. J. Leach,	William Berg,	James Bond,
J. H. Fitts,	Robert E. Coxe,	W. T. Walthall,
J. R. Robertson,	W. H. Bray,	Daniel Harris,
H. W. Reese,	J. M. Macon,	W. H. Kelly,
B. F. Herr,	James B. Head,	C. W. Cox,
J. G. Whitfield,	J. A. Brown,	John Walton,
M. Temple Taylor.		

Total 31, representing 14 Parishes.

A quorum of both Orders being ascertained to be present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

The election of a Secretary being the first business in order, the Rev. R. H. COBBS, was nominated and elected.

An application for admission into union with this Convention, was made by Trinity Parish, Union Springs, through Rev. DEB. WADDELL; also by the Church of the Redeemer, Seale, through the same; and a similar one by the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, through Rev. P. A. FITTS: and referred to a Special Committee consisting of Rev. J. H. TICKNOR and Mr. B. F. HERR.

On motion the Rules of Order of the last Convention, were adopted for the government of this Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, and that its Sessions shall be daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

On motion the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

MOBILE, ALA., May 15th, 1873.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

Rev. WM. BRITTAIN, Rev. F. W. DAMUS, and Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, of the Clergy, and Messrs. W. H. BEATTY and WM. L. CLAY, of the Laity, appeared and took their seats in the Convention.

The Secretary appointed as his Assistant, Rev. C. H. COLEY.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and corrected, and as corrected, were approved.

An application for admission into union with this Convention was made by St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, through Rev. R. A. COBBS, and referred to the Committee on New Parishes.

The Committee offered the following Report:

The Committee on admission of New Parishes, report that they have examined Articles of Association presented by the Church of the Advent, Birmingham; Trinity Church, Union Springs; the Church of the Redeemer, Seale, and St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville; and that these Articles are drawn up in accordance with the forms heretofore recommended by the

Diocesan Convention, except that in the Articles from the Church of the Advent, the words "Communicants of the Protestant Episcopal Church," are used to describe the subscribers: a change which, in the opinion of the Committee, rather adds to, than detracts from, the value of the document. The Committee recommend the adoption of the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Church of the Advent, Birmingham; Trinity Church, Union Springs, the Church of the Redeemer, Seale, and St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, be received into union with the Diocese.

Signed, J. H. TICKNOR, Chairman.
B. F. HERR.

The report was received and the resolution adopted.

The Certificates of Election of Lay Deputies were presented by the following Parishes, and reported in due form by the Committee on Credentials, and the Deputies named therein entitled to seats in this Convention:

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.—Wm. Gesner, Ellis Phelan, Geo. R. Ward, R. H. Pearson, S. W. Gillespie.

Trinity Church, Union Springs.—Jas. M. Goodwin, W. G. Beale, C. B. Keller, D. W. McIver, H. C. Tompkins.

Their names being called Mr. TOMPKINS appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. F. R. Hanson, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. J. C. Davis, and Messrs. Robt. S. Bunker, S. J. Leach, Wm. Berg and J. R. Robertson.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. John Fulton, D. D., Rev. J. M. Bauister, D. D., Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rev. G. H. Hunt, Rev. Philip A. Fitts, and Messrs. James Bond, Robert Tyler, H. T. Toulmin, B. F. Herr and Stephens Croom.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, Dan'l McNeill, Joel White, J. H. Fitts, R. E. Coxe, Rittenhouse Moore, W. H. Bray, H. W. Reese, W. T. Walthall, and Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. T. G. Pond.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Mr. J. B. Head.

The Rev. T. J. BEARD, read the Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee beg leave to report that during the year they have recommended to the Bishop as Candidates for Holy Orders, WILLIAM J. LEMON and CHARLES E. CABANISS; as Candidates for Priest's Orders, Rev. DEBERNIERE WADDELL and Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D.; for Ordination to the Diaconate, STUART HAMILTON, L. L. D.; to the Holy Order of Priests, Rev. PHILIP A. FITTS and Rev. DEBERNIERE WADDELL.

They have given consent to the election of an Assistant Bishop of North Carolina, to the Consecration of Rev. Dr. JOHN G. AUER, to the Missionary Bishoprick of Cape Palmas, Africa; and to the Consecration of Rev. WILLIAM H. HARE, as Missionary Bishop of the Indians.

THOS. J. BEARD,
Secretary Standing Committee.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address. [See Appendix A.]

On motion it was

Resolved, That, that portion of the Bishop's Address having reference to the subject of the Hymnal, meets the most hearty concurrence of this Convention and that five thousand copies of that portion of said Address be printed separately, in the form of a tract, for distribution throughout the Diocese.

On motion it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the best method of increasing the funds for Parochial and Benevolent Operations, be referred to a Special Committee of Five, to report to this Convention.

The Bishop appointed on this Committee,

Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rev. T. J. BEARD, Rev. J. J. CLEMENS,
Messrs. J. H. FITTS, W. H. BEATTY.

The Committee on proposed amendment to the Constitution and Canons, appointed at the last Convention, asked that their Report be made the special order for 12 o'clock, Friday. On motion a Resolution to this effect was adopted.

A Certificate of election of Lay Deputies from St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, was presented, and reported in due form by the Committee on Credentials, and the following persons entitled to seats:

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

A. F. POSEY, S. M. WILSON, D. BUEL.

Mr. BUEL answered to his name and took his seat.

Rev. Mr. TICKNOR offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the balance of the Convention Fund due from St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, for the past year, be remitted; and that all but the sum of Fifty Dollars for the current year, be also remitted; and that the Lay Deputies from that Church, be admitted to the Convention.

On motion of Rev. Mr. HUNT, this Resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON, offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to present to the Convention, a list of all Parishes which are now in arrears to the Diocese.

A motion to lay this Resolution on the table, was lost. After some discussion, Rev. Dr. FULTON, withdrew this Resolution.

On motion, the Reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and the same referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being in order, the Bishop appointed as Tellers, the Rev. Dr. BANISTER, and Mr. M. TEMPLE TAYLOR; and the House then proceeded to ballot for members of said Committee. Pending the counting of the votes, the Rules of Order, on motion, were suspended, and the Reports of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, were presented and received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions, was also presented, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance,

The Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama, presented his Report, which on motion, was referred to the same Committee.

On motion, the Rules of Order were further suspended, and the Convention proceeded to the election of Diocesan Officers for the ensuing year.

Mr. J. H. FITTS was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, the following were elected as members of

THE BOARD OF PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D. Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rev. F. B. LEE.

The following were elected members of

THE ECCLESIASTICAL COURT.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D. Rev. J. H. TICKNOR.

The following were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:

A. G. MABRY, GEO. O. BAKER, N. H. R. DAWSON.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was elected Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

The ballots having been counted, the following Standing Committee of the Diocese, was declared duly elected:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
Rev. T: J. BEARD,
Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D.

Messrs. W. G. JONES,
F. B. CLARK,
JAMES BOND.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed to the next Convention.

Miscellaneous business being in order, the Secretary read a Communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention, [See Appendix H.] which on motion was referred to the Committee on Canons.

The following Resolutions were offered, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Canons.

Resolved, That hereafter the form of the Certificate of election of Lay Deputies to the Diocesan Convention, shall state that said Deputies are Communicants, (according to the Canon in the case); and also, whether or not, the Convention assessment has been paid.

Resolved 2d, That the Secretary have the Certificates prepared and printed in conformity with the foregoing.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. W. T. WALTHALL:

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to express to the Rev. Dr MASSEY, Rector of this Parish, the deep sympathy entertained by the members of this Convention for him, in the domestic affliction which has just fallen upon him; and that in token of this sympathy, and their respect for him, as well as for the memory of the deceased, the members of the Convention will attend the funeral of the late Mrs. MASSEY.

On motion, this Resolution was adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

The following Resolution was offered by Mr. J. H. FITTS:

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing canonically, that the arrearages of any Parish can only be remitted upon the recommendation of the Bishop and by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

On motion, referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion of Mr. R. M. NELSON, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and they are hereby tendered to Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, for his long and faithful services as the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and that the Secretary communicate to him this Resolution.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow (Friday,) morning at 10 o'clock.

MOBILE, ALA., MAY 16th, 1873.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., and Messrs. E. C. BOWEN, F. STRANGE and W. P. BOGOCK, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on Canons asked and obtained leave to retire from the House.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergymen and Candidates for Holy Orders, be invited to seats on the floor of this Convention.

The Bishop called the Rev. R. A. COBBS to the Chair.

On motion of Rev. Mr. DAVIS, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Convention meet in St. James' Church, Eufaula, on the Second Wednesday in May, 1874.

The Bishop resumed the Chair, and the Committee on Canons, through Rev. R. A. COBBS, offered the following Report:

The Committee on Canons to whom were referred the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, communicated to this Convention by the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of said Church, respectfully report the following Resolution for the action of this Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention approves of the changes in Articles IV and V of the Constitution, proposed by the last General Convention, and that our Deputies to the next General Convention, are hereby instructed to support the said Amendments in behalf of the Committee.

On motion, the Report was received, and the Resolution adopted.

Rev. Mr. TICKNOR, from Committee on Convocations appointed by last Convention, offered the following Report, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Canons.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SYSTEM OF CONVOCATIONS.

The Committee to which this subject was referred, report:

That former Conventions of this Diocese, have divided the Diocese into Convocational Districts, and have recommended the Clergy of those Districts, to organize themselves into voluntary Associations for Missionary work; but these recommendations have been practically useless; and it is clear from our own experience that something more than mere voluntary combinations are necessary to accomplish any truly valuable purpose. We find that in the Dioceses of Georgia and Illinois, Convocational Systems, under a plan substantially the same with that proposed below, are now, and have been for some years, working effectively as Missionary Agencies.

The Committee submit the following outline of a Canon, and ask that it be referred to the Committee on Canons:

TITLE—— CANON——

OF CONVOCATIONS.

§ 1. The Diocese is divided into Five Convocational Districts, by the following boundaries; ——, ——, ——, ——, ——, within each of which shall be organized a Convocation of the Clergy, resident within its limits, for Missionary work, under such rules and regulations as each organization for itself may adopt: provided, that no such rules or regulations, conflict with the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the United States, or in the Diocese; and that the Bishop of the Diocese be ex-officio President of each Convocation.

§ 2. Each Convocation shall assemble as often as once a quarter, at some point, to be determined by itself, within its own boundaries.

§ 3. Each Convocation shall elect its own Vice President, and other officers; and each shall make annual report to the Diocesan Convention of its transactions, conveying such information as the President may desire.

§ 4. When any Clergyman, by reason of inconveniences arising from geographical position, shall desire to transfer his membership from one Convocational District to another, the transfer may be effected by consent of the Districts concerned.

J. H. TICKNOR, Chairman.

The Committee on Canons, through Mr. BOND, offered the following Report:

The Committee on Canons, to whom were referred the Resolutions of Rev. J. C. DAVIS, beg respectfully to report, that they have considered the same, and that they offer the following as a substitute therefor:

Resolved, That Sections 3 and 4 of Canon I of Title I, be amended so as to read thus:

§ 3. No Parish shall be entitled to Lay Representation, nor shall the names of the Lay Deputies from any Parish be called by the Secretary, until all assessments upon the same, made by the Convention, shall have been paid to the Treasurer, or shall have been specially remitted by the Convention; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer, at the opening of every Convention, to furnish the Secretary with a complete list of the Parishes that have paid their assessments.

§ 4. Deputies to the Convention from the several Parishes, shall present a Certificate of Election, signed by the Secretary of the Vestry, or by the Rector, or by one of the Wardens, which certificate may be in the following form:

THIS CERTIFIES That at a Meeting of the Vestry of———Church, at——— held on———day of———18——A, B, C, and D, who are hereby declared to be Communicants of the said Parish, were duly elected Lay Deputies, to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at its Session, to be held at———in the year of our Lord 18——

On motion, the Report was received.

The order of the day having arrived, it was moved and carried to suspend the same.

This vote, on motion, was reconsidered, and the motion to postpone was again carried.

It was then, on motion,

Resolved, That at the expiration of fifteen minutes, the vote be taken on the adoption of the Resolutions offered by the Committee on Canons, through Mr. BOND.

Before this vote was taken the Committee on Finance asked and obtained leave to present the following report:

The Committee on Finance report: That they have examined into the application from St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville, for the remission of the $80 50 of arrears for 1872, and a reduction of the assessment of 1873 from $75 00 to $30 00, and recommend that the application be granted.

Signed, R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

On motion, the Report was received and adopted.

The Convention then, voting by Orders as provided in the Constitution, adopted by a two-thirds vote, the Resolutions offered through Mr. BOND.

The Order of the Day was then taken up and the Committee on Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese presented, through Mr. W. T. WALTHALL, the following Majority Report. [See Appendix F.]

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM from the same Committee, presented a Minority Report. [See Appendix F.]

Mr. J. R. ROBERTSON offered the following:

Resolved, That both Majority and Minority Reports be printed in the Journal, and the whole subject be postponed until the next meeting of the Convention.

This Resolution was divided, and on motion, it was

Resolved, That both Majority and Minority Reports be printed in the Journal.

On motion, it was also

Resolved, That the consideration of the whole subject be postponed until the next Convention.

The Rev. Dr. FULTON offered a Resolution, the consideration of which was postponed, on motion, until to-morrow, (Saturday,) at 12 o'clock.

Mr. BOND, from the Committee on Canons, presented the following Report:

The Committee on Canons, having considered the Resolution referred to them, by which it was proposed that the recommendation of the Bishop and a favorable vote of two-thirds of the Convention should be necessary to the remission of the arrears of Parishes, beg to report that they do not consider the proposed measure expedient.

On motion, the Report was received and concurred in.

The Special Committee on "Parochial Funds," presented, through Mr. J. H. FITTS, the following Report, which on motion, was received:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to the increasing of the Funds for Parochial and Benevolent Operations, have given the subject their careful consideration, and are forced to the conviction that the present system of raising funds for Diocesan Missions, by each Rector pledging his Parish for a specified amount, is not founded upon correct principles, has been very unsatisfactory in results, and should be abandoned. The Committee recommend that the system of individual pledges given through the Offertory, be adopted, and for the purpose of enabling each Clergyman to put the same in immediate, systematic and successful operation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to obtain from each Communicant a written pledge, (to be given through the Offertory,) to pay a specific amount, weekly, during the year, for Missions and other charities.

2. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to appoint a suitable person, or persons, to collect weekly or monthly, the weekly pledges which are not redeemed through the Offertory in an envelope to be provided for that purpose.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to transmit, monthly, to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, amounts received from such pledges.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund to make out Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements, and transmit a copy to each Rector in the Diocese.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rector shall read to his parishioners the Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements sent him by the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

In order to show what may be accomplished by a well digested system of individual pledges, entered into by the Clergy and assisted by one or two zealous Laymen, your Committee present the following:

They think pledges might be obtained from

500 Communicants of	5 cents per week, or	$ 2 60 per year,	..	$ 1,300 00
1000.....do.....	10....do....do.....	5 20....do.....		5,200 00
500.....do.....	25....do....do.....	13 00....do.....		6,500 00
500 .....do.....	50....do....do.....	26 00....do.....		13,000 00
500.....do.....	100....do....do.....	52 00....do...	..	26,000 00
				$52,000 00

Your Committee are fully assured that this system, properly presented and persevered in, would be fruitful of good results in many ways, and they unanimously recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.
THOS. J. BEARD,
J. J. CLEMENS,
W. H. BEATTY,
J. H. FITTS.

It was moved that the first Resolution be adopted, but before the vote was taken, a motion was made to adjourn till 5½ o'clock P. M., which was lost.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till to-morrow (Saturday) morning, at 10 o'clock; the consideration of this Resolution being made the order of the day at 11 o'clock.

MOBILE, ALA., May 17th, 1873.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called, and a quorum found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

An invitation was extended to the Convention by the Rector and Board of Managers of the Industrial Home, to visit their Institution, which, on motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, was accepted, with thanks.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received.

The "Committee on the State of the Church" beg leave to report, that, owing to the failure upon the part of some of the Rectors of Parishes to hand in their Reports, and the delay of others, they have been unable to arrive at the actual numerical strength of the Diocese; and yet, with the evidence submitted to them, they are thankful in being able to say that the condition of the Church in the Diocese gives unmistakable signs of a healthy progress and growth, as great, if not greater, than in any one year of its past history. The Bishop, in his Address, furnishes the most ample ground for encouragement, in the large number of persons confirmed—the faithfulness with which our various missionary fields are being cultivated—and the erection of Churches in portions of the Diocese hitherto unsupplied. The number of baptisms has largely increased, and the amount of contributions indicates, even in the midst of our present financial depression, a cheerful willingness on the part of the members of the Church, not only to sustain the ordinary departments of parish work, by "strengthening the stakes" already planted, but also by "lengthening the cords," of the Church of CHRIST, that so she may yet reap the large harvest of blessings with which her great Head may crown her works of faith and love.

While the Committee would thus acknowledge, with devout thankfulness, these most encouraging evidences of not only a healthy but a rapid growth, they would fail in the object for which, in their opinion, the Committee was raised, did they not remind the Church of the duty of pressing forward to still higher attainments. The field is white for the harvest; never before, as they honestly believe, has the attention of men so turned to the claims of the Church; and never before—for which GOD'S Holy Name be praised—were there more encouraging evidences of the high appreciation, on the part of our members, of their duties and responsibilities. This condition of things calls for the most diligent improvement of the various means for the development of Church life, not only in our various parishes, but especially, that the Bishop may have it in his power to occupy new fields, and thus gradually possess the whole land which is embraced within the limits of his Diocese. It is not enough that he should be able to meet his engagements with the Missionaries already in the field, but he should also be enabled to seize the opportunities constantly arising for the extension of the Church. Hence there are but few questions presented at this time of more importance than the one alluded to, involving as it does, not only the discharge of our duties to the Church in this Diocese, but also to the general Church in this land—Diocesan, Domestic and Foreign Missions and the education of young men for the ministry.

The maintenance of our charitable institutions makes large and constant demands upon our resources. The Committee are thoroughly satisfied that in order that we may meet these demands with promptness, some systematic effort should be made. We know of none better calculated to secure the desired object than the one so often proposed by the Bishop—the weekly or monthly

contribution of a fixed amount by every Communicant of the Church; such amount to be determined by the Apostolic rule, "as GOD hath prospered us." It will be readily seen, even if we assume as the standard the small sum of a dime a week, how large an amount will be secured, and at the same time not decrease our local benefactions and contributions. Hence the Committee would urge upon the various Parishes the above plan, the details of which might be varied by existing circumstances. Its benefits, we believe to be two-fold—first, the replenishing of our depleted treasury, and secondly, the inculcating of the true Christian idea that alms-giving, like our prayers, should be constant and regular. In the language of the Bishop, the Diocese is united in heart and thought. If with our unity and sympathy we would go further, and throw ourselves more systematically into accord with the general work of the Church, we should accomplish an incalculable amount of good for the present and future of the Diocese, and GOD, even our own GOD, would give us His blessing. H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

The Commitee on Canons, through Rev. R. A. COBBS, presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received.

To the Convention:

The Committee on Canons respectfully report that they have considered the report of the Committee on the System of Convocations, which was referred to them, and respectfully submit the following Canon to be entitled:

TITLE II, CANON V.

OF CONVOCATIONS.

§ 1. The Diocese shall be divided by the Bishop, for Missionary purposes, into Convocational Districts with such boundaries as he may from time to time determine.

§ 2. The presiding officer of each Convocation shall be appointed by the Bishop, such office to be held at his discretion with such title, Dean, Arch-Deacon, or the like, as the Bishop may prefer to bestow, and his duty shall be to conduct the Mission work of his Convocation, under the direction of the Bishop, to preside at its meetings, and in general to do such work as may be committed to him by the Bishop. The other officers of the Convocation, as Secretary, Treasurer, etc., shall be elected by the Convocation, and shall perform such duties as may be committed to them by the Convocation.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of every Clergyman in the Diocese to attend the meetings of his Convocation when duly called, and to officiate at any point or points within the Convocation to which he belongs, on at least four Sundays in the year, at such times and places as shall be appointed by the Bishop, or by the presiding officer of the Convocation, acting by authority of the Bishop, provided however, that the necessary expenses of such Missionary services shall be defrayed from the Diocesan Mission Fund, or any other funds that may be available.

On motion, the first section of the Canon was adopted.*

*For action of the Bishop upon this Canon, see Appendix G.

The order of the day having arrived, was on motion, postpo[redacted] ed, to allow the vote to be taken on remaining sections.

On motion, the 2d and 3d sections were separately adopted[redacted] when the House, voting by Orders, adopted the whole Canon.

The Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW presented the following Report[redacted]

The Committee on "The Bishop Cobbs' Monument," beg leave to repo[redacted] that they have adopted a plan and are now receiving estimates, which, [redacted] have reason to hope, will fall within our available means.

The Report of the Special Committee on Parochial and B[redacted] nevolent Operations, being the order for 11 o'clock, a motio[redacted] was made to adopt the 1st Resolution offered by that Committe[redacted]

It was moved to amend said Resolution, by adding the words "and Vestry" after the word "Rector."

An amendment to this amendment was offered, striking out the words "It shall be the duty," and inserting the words "It be recommended."

After some discussion, the previous question was called, and the vote was taken on the Resolution as offered by the Committee, which was adopted.

The order of the day was, on motion, suspended, to allow the Finance Committee to present their Report.

That Committee presented the following Report:

The Committee on Finance beg to report that they have carefully examined the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the accounts of the Treasurer of the same, and find them full and correct.

The Treasurer's accounts exhibit of receipts, Fifteen Hundred and Twenty Two Dollars and ninety-five cents, ($1522,95), and of re-investments for the Permanent Fund, of Fifteen Hundred and Sixty Three Dollars and eighty-cents, ($1563,80), leaving a balance due the Treasurer of Forty Dollars and eighty-five cents, ($40,85). All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

Report, on motion, was received and concurred in.

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Finance beg to report that they have carefully examined and audited the accounts of Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and find the same, with the accompanying vouchers, correct. From these accounts it appears that during the year past, Mr. FIELD received Thirty Three Hundred and Thirteen Dollars and sixty-three cents,

($3313,63), and that he has expended for and on account of Diocesan Missions, the sum of Twenty Six Hundred and Five Dollars and fifty-two cents, ($2605,52), leaving a balance in cash in his hands of Seven Hundred and Eight Dollars and eleven cents, ($708,11). All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

The Report on motion, was received and concurred in.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined and audited the accounts of Mr. JAMES H. FITTS, the Treasurer of the Diocese, and find that he has received from all sources, the sum of Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and sixty-one cents, ($5600,61), and that he has properly expended for Diocesan purposes, the sum of Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Eight Dollars and ninety-eight cents, ($4328,98), leaving in his hands at the time of closing his accounts on the 14th of May, 1873, the sum of Twelve Hundred and Seventy-one Dollars and sixty-three cents, ($1271,63). The accounts and accompanying vouchers and statements, the Committee find full and correct, and they heartily commend the thoroughness with which the Treasurer has done his work.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

Report received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that they have made a careful examination into the financial condition of the Diocese, and fully considered the ways and means by which the salary of the Bishop and other Diocesan assessments for the year ensuing shall be raised. The result of their labors they have embodied in the assessment herewith found, and which is a part of this report. The Committee deprecate the necessities which have impelled them to increase some, and reduce other quotas. After a patient and careful investigation and consideration of all the facts, they have adopted the assessment submitted as the most equitable they could make.

So long as the Diocesan Treasurer's books show so many Parishes in arrears, just so long must the more prosperous and prompt make up the deficiencies of those Parishes less fortunate or less liberal.

The Committee recommend that the assessment upon St. Paul's Parish, Whistler, of Forty Three Dollars and seventy-five cents, ($43,75), for the year 1872, and that upon St. John's, Mobile, of One Hundred and Fifty Six Dollors and sixty-five cents, ($156,65), for the year 1871, be remitted.

The Committee recommend further that the salary of the Bishop be raised to Forty Five Hundred Dollars per annum., and that the Treasurer pay the same quarterly, if practicable, and that he be also directed to pay the premium on the Bishop's Life Insurance Policy of Five Thousand Dollars, in the Piedmont and Arlington Company.

To facilitate future collections and enable the Treasurer to promptl his obligations, the Committee recommend that the Treasurer of the Di Fund be required to notify each Parish quarterly, commencing the 1st gust, 1873, of the amount due, and if not remitted to him within fiftee thereafter, he shall draw at sight for the same on the Treasurer or Re the Parish, so delinquent.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chair

ASSESSMENT—1873.

St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill,	$
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County,	
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	
Grace Church, Portland,	
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur,	
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,	
Church of the Redeemer, Seale,	
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	
St. John's Parish, Mobile,	
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	
St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	1,
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro',	
St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	
Talladega Mission, Talladega,	
St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro',	
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	
St. Mary's, Evergreen,	
Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	
St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	
St. Matthew's Parish, Autaugaville,	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	
Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	
Christ Church, Mobile,	
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	
Athens Mission,	
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	
Trinity Parish, Florence,	
St. David's Parish, Dallas County,	
Grace Church, Clayton,	
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,	
Total	$6,

This Report, on motion, was received, and after considerable discussion, was concurred in; the Bishop's Salary being increased to $4,500 00, in consequence of a voluntary increase of their assessments by St. John's Church, Montgomery; Trinity Church, Mobile; Christ Church, Mobile; Church of The Nativity, Huntsville; St. Paul's Church, Selma; Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; Trinity Church, Union Springs; St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; St. James' Church, Livingston; St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, and Church of The Redeemer, Seale; which increased assessments appear above.

The order of the day was then taken up, and the Rev. Dr. FULTON offered the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, The Right Reverend, The Bishop of Western New York, has recently addressed to the Presiding Bishop, and published for the information of the Church, a letter, in which he proposes the appointment by General Convention, of a Commission to consider such Constitutional questions as now agitate the Church; therefore,

Resolved, That for the discussion of grave constitutional matters, this Convention recognizes the wisdom of the proposal of the Rt. Rev. Prelate, and trusts that it may commend itself to the approval of the Church.

On motion, this Resolution was adopted.

The Convention then returned to the consideration of the Report of the Special Committee on Parochial Funds.

The 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th Resolutions were in turn, adopted, and by a unanimous vote, the whole Report was adopted.

The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Rector and Vestry of Trinity Church, for the comfortable provision they have made for its accommodation, and to the citizens of Mobile, for their generous hospitality.

The following Resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the interest due upon unpaid notes to the Bishop's Fund, from St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro', be allowed as a credit upon their assessment.

On motion, this Resolution was referred to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 750 Copies of the Journal.

On motion, the following were elected Trustees of the University of the South, for Alabama:

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. N. H. R. DAWSON, JOEL WHITE.

On motion, Mr. A. R. BELL was elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for Alabama.

The following Resolutions were presented and, on motion, referred to the next Convention:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee, to be called the Committee on the Preparation of Business, be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be, during the interval between Conventions, to receive suggestions touching the interest of the Diocese, and to prepare new business to be introduced in Convention.

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending Title I, Canon I, § 2, as to require each Parish to elect one Lay Delegate, who shall act as a Delegate to the Convention for the term of at least three years.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed so many separate copies of the Report of the Special Committee on Parochial Funds, as to send six copies to each Clergyman in the Diocese.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Resolutions reported by the Committee on the best mode of raising Mission Funds, and adopted by this Convention, supersede the rule for monthly collections for Diocesan Missions hitherto ordered.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet in the Vestry Room of Trinity Church, on Sunday Evening, at 7½ o'clock.

MOBILE, ALA., May 18th—7½ o'clock P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to transmit to the family of the late Col. GEO. A. GORDON, that portion of the Bishop's Address relating to his death.

On motion, the Convention adjourned "*sine die*."

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address,

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

MAY, 1873.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I greet you in the name of the Lord. In GOD's good providence, we have met together to render a mutual account of our labors, and to take united counsel upon the sacred matters committed to our trust. May GOD the HOLY GHOST bestow upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, and shed abroad in all our hearts the most excellent gift of brotherly kindness and charity.

My report of official labors, during the year now closed, is as follows, viz:

1872.—May 8th.—Met the Convention of the Diocese at St. John's Church, Montgomery; united in the celebration of Divine Service; sermon by the Rev. J. C. DAVIS. Holy Communion celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of Louisiana.

May 9th.—(Ascension Day)—Celebrated Divine Service with Holy Communion at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

May 10th and 11th.—Spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

May 12th.—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—At early Morning Prayer, addressed the children of the congregation at St. John's Church. At mid-day service admitted JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW to the Holy Orders of Deacons. Sermon by myself. Holy Communion celebrated by myself. At night, after a sermon by the Rev. R. HOOKER COBBS, in behalf of the Clergymen's Widows and Orphans' Society, I addressed the congregation.

May 19th.—(Whitsunday)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, celebrated Holy Communion. At afternoon service, baptized the infant child of the Assistant Minister.

May 25th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston.

May 26th.—(Trinity Sunday)—Addressed the children of the congregation of the same Church. At morning service preached and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service preached again.

May 27th.—Spent the day in visiting the people of this long vacant Church, from house to house. In the afternoon, baptized an infant. At evening service preached, baptized an adult, and confirmed 8 persons.

May 28th.—At early morning service, preached and celebrated Holy Communion. This was indeed a most refreshing service. The newly confirmed were all present, and received their first communion, and I was informed that every communicant of the Parish was present and participated.

May 29th.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

May 29th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene, and confirmed 4 persons.

May 30th.—Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

May 31st.—Preached at same Church, morning and evening, and at the latter service confirmed 3 persons.

June 1st.—At early morning service, preached and celebrated Holy Communion in same Church.

June 2d.—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and celebrated Holy Communion. At afternoon service, preached again, and confirmed 10 persons.

June 3d.—Preached at same Church, morning and evening.

June 4th.—At same Church, after a sermon by the Rev. S. U. SMITH, who had kindly accompanied me in this visitation, I addressed the congregation.

June 5th.—At early Morning Prayer, at same Church, I addressed the congregation, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 6th.—Consecrated the new Church at Elyton, under the name of "*St John's*," and celebrated Holy Communion. Sermon by myself.

June 7th.—Preached at Irondale, a Mission Station, under the charge of the Rev. PHILIP A. FITTS.

June 8th.—Preached at the new Church building in Birmingham, morning and evening.

June 9th.—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Elyton. Baptized 2 infants and 1 adult, and confirmed 13 persons. At evening service, preached again, and confirmed 2 persons, making 15 as the number confirmed in this Parish.

June 16th.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and on the same day, confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Assistant Minister of St. John's.

June 23d.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, the Rector of the Church being unable to officiate, because of sickness.

June 30th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

July 7th.—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—Celebrated Holy Communion at Trinity Church, Mobile; the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW preaching the sermon.

July 8th.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

July 14th.—(7th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, officiated at St. Mary's, Summerville, and addressed the children.

July 21st.—(8th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

July 28th.—(9th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville.

August 4th.—(10th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

August 6th.—Officiated at the funeral of the lamented Mrs. SARAH E. TUOMEY.

August 11th.—(11th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 13th.—Married a couple at St. John's Church, Mobile.

August 18th.—(12th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

September 1st.—(14th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached, and celebrated Holy Communion, at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 2d.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, Mobile.

September 8th.—(15th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 15th.—(16th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

At this time I made a visit to a sick friend, since dead, in Baltimore, and during this visit, with the consent of the Bishop of Maryland, I confirmed a person, and celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

October 13th.—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, in the morning; and in the afternoon, at Toulminville—a Mission Station, under charge of the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

October 16th.—Baptized an infant at Spring Hill.

October 19th.—Preached at the Church of The Nativity, Huntsville.

October 20th.—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at same Church. In the afternoon, at the request of the Rector, baptized an infant, and addressed the children of the congregation. At evening service, preached, and confirmed 19 persons.

October 21st.—At early Morning Prayer, celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service on same day, preached to a colored congregation in the old Church, and confirmed 1 person.

The congregation here, and the Diocese at large, had recently suffered a great loss in the death of Col. GEORGE A. GORDON. I missed him at every turn—in the Vestry, where he never failed to greet me with his warm-hearted grasp and his winning courtesy. I missed him in the worship, in the absence of that plaintive voice, which never failed to thrill my soul. I missed him in the Sunday School, where his presence lived and moved as a magnetic power. I missed him in the social circle, and above all, at his fireside. Mysterious, indeed, is that Providence which takes from us so much that seems necessary for our well-being. We shall hereafter miss him, again and again, from the councils of the Church, where his influence was ever exerted in behalf of

Catholic truth and order. The example of Col. GORDON is in testimony of what an earnest layman can do in the advancement of all human interests. He was as industrious in business as he was fervent in spirit. May GOD raise up among us many like minded men to take his place in the councils of the Church.

October 22d.—Preached at Madison Station, on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, morning and evening; baptized 2 adults and 1 infant; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 23d.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

October 24th.—Preached at Athens; baptized 1 adult and 1 infant, and confirmed 4 persons, celebrating also, Holy Communion.

October 25th.—Preached again at St. Paul's Church, Decatur; baptized 1 adult and 3 infants, and confirmed 1 person.

October 26th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

October 27th.—(22d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at same Church; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached at Trinity Church, Florence; confirmed 6 persons, and baptized 1 infant.

October 28th.—Preached at same Church, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 3d.—(23d Sunday after Trinity)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed a person in private; candidate presented by the Assistant Minister of St. John's Church.

November 10th.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Evergreen, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the evening, preached again, and confirmed 4 persons.

November 17th.—(25th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Calvary Church, Pushmataha; baptized 2 children; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, officiated at a funeral.

November 19th.—Married a couple in Mobile.

November 21st.—Married a couple at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 24th.—(26th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Hayneville, Lowndes county, and confirmed 4 persons.

November 25th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, and confirmed 6 persons. In the evening, preached again, and confirmed 1 person.

November 27th.—Preached at St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 28th.—(Thanksgiving Day)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma.

It is matter of deep regret to me to find how very inadequately the services have been celebrated on this anniversary throughout the Diocese. It is a day of the Church's appointment, and should be duly honored. It would be well if we could make its observance resemble the celebration of "Harvest Home" in the Mother Church; gathering the choicest fruits of the earth into the Sanctuary, and commemorating the chiefest of Divine Mercies in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

November 29th.—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas county; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 1st.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 2d.—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, and confirmed 1 person.

December 7th.—In St. John's Church, Mobile, admitted a probationer to the Order of Deaconesses in the Diocese of Alabama; making an address, and celebrating Holy Communion.

December 8th.—(2d Sunday in Advent)—Officiated and preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, the Rector being absent from sickness.

December 10th.—Confirmed 2 persons at Trinity Church, Mobile.

December 15th.—(3d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 36 persons.

December 18th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

December 19th.—Officiated, in connection with the Assistant Minister of St. John's Church, at the funeral service of "SISTER JANE," one of the Deaconesses in charge of the "Church Home for Orphans," in Mobile. This devout Churchwoman was one of the three who united in the formation of the Sisterhood in this Diocese, and to the day of her death fulfilled her holy duties with characteristic fidelity. She rests now from her labours, and her works do follow her.

December 20th.—At St. John's Church, Mobile, participated in the services appointed for the day by the House of Bishops, and made an address to the congregation; celebrating also Holy Communion.

I waited in vain for copies of the programme of services arranged for this occasion by the House of Bishops. For some cause, I know not what, they were never received, and for this reason I had no opportunity of making the usual official announcement to the Clergy of the Diocese. I was indebted to the columns of a Church paper for the only publication of the programme of services that I have yet seen.

December 22d.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and after a sermon by the Rector, made an address to the congregation.

December 25th.—(Christmas Day)—Celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, after a sermon by the Rector.

December 29th.—(1st Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

1873.—January 5th.—(2d Sunday after Christmas)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and after a sermon by the Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, of the Diocese of Virginia, celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, I preached in the same Church.

Upon this occasion I witnessed what I had never before seen, and what I presume few have ever seen—the representatives of three generations, father, son and grandson, officiating together in the Sanctuary. The father hoary with age, but with mental and physical vigor unabated, preached with the earnestness of youth and the accumulated wisdom of a ripe old age. Long may he survive to give counsel and encouragement to the present generation.

January 6th.—(Epiphany)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 12th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

January 19th.—(2d Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

January 26th.—(3d Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

January 29th.—Confirmed a sick person in private, and celebrated Holy Communion; candidate for confirmation presented by the Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

February 2d.—(4th Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

February 4th.—Attended a Parish Meeting at St. John's Church, Mobile, and addressed the congregation.

February 9th.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

February 16th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 23d.—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

February 26th.—(Ash Wednesday)—Participated in Divine Service at St. John's Church, Mobile, and addressed the congregation.

February 28th.—(3d day of Lent)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 1 person.

March 2d.—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, in the morning, celebrating also Holy Communion; and at Trinity Church at evening service.

March 9th.—(2d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, morning and evening; addressing also the children of the congregation at Sunday School, and confirming 2 persons at the evening service.

March 10th.—(11th day of Lent)—Celebrated Holy Communion at same Church, at early morning service, and addressed the congregation.

Same day, preached at Holy Cross, Uniontown, morning and evening. This Church was vacant at the time of my visitation.

March 12th.—(13th day of Lent)—Failed to meet my appointment at Carlowville, because of failure to make railroad connection at Selma.

March 13th.—(14th day of Lent)—Preached at Grace Church, (County Line) Dallas county; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the evening of the same day, preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville.

March 14th.—(15th day of Lent)—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

March 15th.—(16th day of Lent)—Preached again at same Church, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 16th.—(3d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Greensboro', morning and evening, and confirmed 3 persons—one of them a sick person in private. The services at this visitation were held in the Town Hall—the Church not being quite ready for use. It will gratify the many friends of this, one of our oldest Churches, to learn that the Church building has been greatly enlarged

and beautified at a cost of some $5,000, and that the whole plan is creditable alike to the taste and liberality of the Rector and congregation.

March 23d.—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Addressed the congregation at Christ Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. C. N. CHANDLER, Agent of the General Domestic Missionary Society. In the afternoon, after a sermon by Mr. CHANDLER, addressed the congregation of St. John's Church, and at night, addressed the congregation at Trinity Church, after a sermon by Mr. CHANDLER. I was glad to be able in this way to second the appeals of my Rev. Brother, and to testify my appreciation of the kindly and substantial interest which the Domestic Missionary Board has ever manifested to the Diocese of Alabama.

March 25th.—(Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin)—Celebrated Holy Communion at Trinity Church, Mobile, after an address by the Rev. DR. PETERKIN, of Richmond, Va.

March 30th.—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma; confirmed 23 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, preached again in same Church. I am gratified in being able to say that work has commenced again upon the new Church, and that we may hope to hear of its completion at no very distant day.

April 1st.—(30th day of Lent)—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, morning and evening; confirming, at the morning service, 3 persons, and 1 at the evening service. I found this Parish suffering from a recent and heavy bereavement. The late Col. JOHN D. HOKE had recently died. He was one of the first to plant the Church in that region of country—was, from the establishment of the Sunday School, its earnest Superintendent—acted uniformly as Lay Reader in the absence of ministerial services, and in all things approved himself a faithful soldier and servant of JESUS CHRIST. We rarely meet with a man who united so much of Christian gentleness and simplicity with such unflinching maintenance of principle.

April 2d.—(31st day of Lent)—Preached at the new Chapel at Talladega.

April 3d.—(32d day of Lent)—Preached at the same place morning and evening, and confirmed 5 persons. This temporary house of worship was built at a very small cost, but is, in all its interior arrangements, most churchly in appearance. The congregation is steadily increasing, and we look for even better things at no very distant day. I would call the attention of our Church people to this unpretending building, as an example of how much substantial good can be realized from a very small expenditure of money. Many of our congregations are failing to grow from the want of a local habitation and a name. The people are waiting until they can see their way to the establishment of something permanent. In this way they frequently fail to accomplish anything. In my judgment, it is better, at all our Mission points, to put up at once, a small building—a building which may, at some future day, serve as the commencement of a Rectory, or perhaps a Church. The Rev. J. F. SMITH, the Evangelist in charge of the Mission at Talladega, is satisfied that a building, such as that of which we are now speaking, might, under favorable circumstances, be put up at a cost not exceeding $1,000.

April 4th.—At evening service, addressed the congregation at St. John's Church, Montgomery.

April 5th.—(34th day of Lent)—Spent the day in examining the Rev. Messrs. FITTS, WADDELL and JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW for Priest's Orders. These brethren all received satisfactory certificates from the examining Chaplains.

April 6th.—(Sunday before Easter)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and ordained to the Priesthood the Rev. Messrs. DEB. WADDELL and PHILIP A. FITTS; celebrating also Holy Communion. The candidates were presented by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, who, with the Rev. R. A. COBBS, united in the imposition of hands.

At evening service, preached again at the same Church, and confirmed 34 persons. During my stay I confirmed 3 sick persons in private; making 37 as the number confirmed at this visitation.

April 7th.—(Monday before Easter)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and confirmed 7 persons.

April 11th.—(Good Friday)—Preached, morning and evening, at the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

April 12th.—(Easter Even)—Participated in appropriate services at same Church.

April 13th.—(Easter Day)—Preached at same Church; confirmed 16 persons, (making 35 as the number confirmed from this Parish since last report,) and celebrated Holy Communion. At the evening service was held the children's festival, and, after suitable services and the presentation of Lenten offerings, I addressed the dear little ones. I have often before referred, and must refer again, to the evident gladness with which our dear children bring their offerings—often the fruits of sacrifice and self-denial—and give them to GOD with a Holy Worship. When, in this, as in other Christian duties, shall we older ones be converted, and become as little children?

April 14th.—(Monday in Easter Week)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur; baptizing 5 adults, and 5 children; confirming 8 persons (making 9 as the number confirmed here since last report), and celebrating Holy Communion.

April 16th.—Confirmed 1 person at St. John's Church, Mobile, at early Morning Prayer.

April 20th.—(1st Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, in the morning; in the afternoon, participated in the children's Easter Festival, and, after an address by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, addressed the children; at night, preached again, and confirmed 10 persons.

April 21st.—After an address by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, I celebrated Holy Communion at the same Church.

April 21st.—At evening service of the same day, I preached at the new Church building at Clayton, the county seat of Barbour, and confirmed 2 persons.

I was not able to consecrate the Church building at Clayton, in consequence of an unliquidated debt still remaining. In view of the very small number of communicants at Clayton, it is surprising that so much has already been ac-

complished. The building, put up at a cost of nearly $4,000, is one of the handsomest of its kind in the Diocese. The debt still remaining is not very large, and I trust to be able to consecrate the Church at my next visitation.

April 23d.—Preached at Union Springs, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached again, and confirmed 5 persons.

We have no Church building at this Mission point, but the members of this small congregation are making earnest efforts to erect a Church at the earliest day possible.

April 24th.—Preached at Seale's Station, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached again, and confirmed 6 persons. The condition of things at Seale's Station is pretty much the same as at Union Springs. The members are few, but earnest, and the Evangelist, Rev. DeB. Waddell, is faithfully working at his post. In due season we shall reap yet more abundantly, if we faint not.

April 26th.—At Opelika, after a sermon by the Rev. Philip A. Fitts, I addressed the congregation.

April 27th.—(2d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Opelika, in the residence of the Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector in charge, and confirmed 6 persons. At night, preached again at same place.

It will be remembered that Emmanuel Church, Opelika, was destroyed by a tornado some few years ago. The present Rectory was built from the debris of the Church—the lower part of the building serving as a temporary Chapel. Under these circumstances, although the town has grown steadily, the Church has not grown, and could not be expected to grow, proportionably. Hitherto, the hope has been that resources would be in hand to put up the kind of Church building that seemed to be required in a town of such increasing importance. The wiser opinion seems now to prevail—to put up in part the future Church—to fit it for immediate use by a temporary roof, and to postpone the completion of the Church to a more propitious season.

April 28th—Preached at St. Mary's Chapel, Tallassee, and confirmed 12 persons, one of them a sick person in private. I also baptized an infant, at the request of the Rector in charge.

April 29th.—At evening service, at St. John's Church, Montgomery, I preached, and confirmed 17 persons (making in all 54 as the number confirmed in this Parish since my last annual report).

The large number of persons confirmed in this Parish, for the current and some preceding years, is particularly notable from the fact that a very large proportion is from among the poor. This is especially notable because this Parish has the services of the Deacon, whose mission is more particularly among the poor. I refer to these facts, because they illustrate and prove what I have steadily tried to impress upon our clergy and people—the necessity —if we would do the full work of the Church—of having Deacons in all our large congregations. It is simply impossible for the Priest to do the full Ministerial duty of a large city congregation. If the great masses of our poor do not murmur because they are neglected in the ministration, it is because they are too ignorant of their spiritual needs to know that

they are neglected. The Church has, to a large extent, lost her hold upon the poor, and that because she has not, except in theory, made use of the Diaconate—the Diaconate which specially represents CHRIST in ministrations among the poor. The common and popular idea that the services of the Church are not suited to the masses, is, like many other popular ideas, without the slightest foundation. On the contrary, it is the poor who most need the rich and simple instruction which is afforded through the Liturgy. No extemporaneous performances can approach in clearness, and fullness, and depth of devotion, the regular worship of the Church. And wherever the Ministry are true to the spirit of the Church they will find their most abundant harvests among the now neglected and almost forgotten poor.

And I must say, furthermore, that the Clergy of the Church are, beyond any other class of Ministers, abundant in labor and charity among the poor. If they are unable, at all times, to reap the fruit of their labor, it is because the harvest is great and the laborers are few. In most of our smaller Parishes the supply of labor is even now adequate to the demand, but in the larger Parishes of Mobile, Montgomery, Selma and Huntsville, the full work of the Church cannot be done without the Deacon in every Church. Is it possible that our Laity cannot look out among themselves and find some of their number fitted to do the Deacon's work—to catechise the children, and to report to the Curate the cases of the poor who may be in need.

But I must return from this digression. In consequence of the large accession of the poor to the communion of the Church at Montgomery, and in consequence of the rapid growth of the city itself, it has been deemed necessary to erect a Chapel in the vicinity of Hamner Hall. The plan of the Rector and Vestry—which I most cordially approve—is to make this Chapel a Memorial Church of the late Bishop COBBS. It will be a most fitting testimonial to the good Bishop. The building will be near the spot where he lived and died, and it will gather into the communion of the Church the class of people whom he ever delighted to minister unto. Surely there can be no more suitable memorial of a Bishop than a free Church in which the gospel is preached unto the poor. Whilst on the subject of the extension of the Church in Montgomery, I call the attention of the Convention to another matter of general interest. Hamner Hall—which was recently deeded by the Convention to St. John's Church—will, in the ensuing Fall, become a Boy's, instead of a Girl's, School. Many years experience has shown that the distance of the Hall from the centre of the city renders it an unsuitable location for a girl's school. At the same time, its distance from the heart of the city points it out as the very place for a boy's school. Arrangements have already been consummated by which the Hall will be opened next October. FRANCIS KEY MEADE, of Virginia, has been selected as Principal of the School. He will bring with him an able corps of coadjutors, and the whole establishment will be under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's. The school for girls will be transferred from the Hill to the heart of the city. I hope that our Clergy and Laity will do all in their power to sustain this Institution. Unusual pains have been taken to make this School one of the highest grade in all respects.

I look to it as an important centre of education, and one of the feeders of the University of the South.

May 1st.—(St. Philip's and St. James' Day)—Confirmed 1 person in St. John's Church, Mobile; addressed the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 4th.—(3d Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile; confirmed 38 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 4th.—At night, preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed 17 persons.

May 9th.—In conjunction with the Rector, officiated at a funeral from Christ Church, Mobile. On same day confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of Trinity Church.

May 11th.—(4th Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; confirmed 17 persons (giving 19 as the number confirmed from this Church since last report), and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 11th.—In the afternoon, preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 50 persons, making, with one confirmed in private next day, 92 as the number confirmed from this Parish since last report.

May 13th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of St. John's Church, Mobile.

May 13th.—At evening service, in Trinity Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Banister, I addressed the congregation, and confirmed 10 persons, making 51 as the number confirmed from this Parish since last report.

SUMMARY.

The following is a summary of my official labors since my last annual report, viz:

Churches Consecrated	1
Deacons Ordained	1
Priests Ordained	2
Lay Readers Licensed	15
Baptisms, viz: Adults, 11; Infants, 20—Total	31
Marriages	4
Funerals	3
Confirmations	446
Candidates for Holy Orders admitted	2

I have given my canonical consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Hare to the Missionary Episcopate of Niobrara; to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Auer to that of the African Mission; and to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. Haight to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

I have also given my canonical consent to the election of an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese the following Clergymen, viz: The Rev. J. J. Clemens, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Virginia; the Rev.

JAMES D. GIBSON, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of New Jersey; the Rev. WM. BRITTAIN, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Texas; the Rev. CHARLES H. COLEY, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Georgia.

I have transferred as follows, viz: The Rev. T. L. BANISTER to the Diocese of New Jersey; the Rev. WM. M. GUILFORD to the Diocese of Georgia.

The Rev. W. J. PERDUE has moved to Gadsden, and has been appointed Evangelist at that and adjacent points.

The Rev. W. A. STICKNEY has become Rector of St. Michael's Church, Marengo county.

The Rev. R. A. COBBS has become Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, in connection with St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

The Rev. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW (Deacon) is acting assistant to the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery.

The Rev. J. J. CLEMENS has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

The Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

The Rev. WM. BRITTAIN has become Rector of the Churches at Greenville and Evergreen.

The Rev. CHARLES H. COLEY has become Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis.

The Churches still vacant are: Trinity Church, Florence; St. Paul's Church, Decatur; St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; St. James' Church, Livingston; St. Mary's Church, Camden; Calvary Church, Pushmataha; Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

There are names of other Churches in the Parish list, but these are, for the most part, merely nominal Parishes. Such for example, as: St. John's Church in the Prairies; St. John's Church in the Wilderness; St. John's Church, Madison county; St. Peter's Church, Lowndes county; St. Luke's Church, Cahaba; St. John's Church, Claiborne; Grace Church, St. Stephens; St. Alban's Church, Gainesville; Trinity Church, Auburn.

Death, desolation and impoverishment have made sad havoc of most of these Churches. In some instances, there was never any material to justify a parochial organization. In others, as for example: St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County, and St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, we have instances of Churches dying out from the removal of all the members to other points. But the Church in the Diocese has not lost all these members, for St. Paul's Church, Selma. has grown by the accession of members from St. Luke's Church, Cahaba, just as Selma itself has grown by the addition of Cahaba—the very habitations having, in many instances, been transported from the one point to the other.

I should be glad to gather the views of the Convention as to the disposition of the Church property in Cahaba. The Church itself is beautiful, and as yet, perfect in its interior. It might be easily reproduced at some other point. The organ is one of the best in the Diocese.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received canonical notice of the deposition from the Ministry, of the following named persons, viz: of JOSIAH F. CURTIS, by Bishop of Kentucky; of JOHN M. MITCHELL, by Bishop of Georgia; of W. H. MILBURN, by Bishop of Vermont; of CHAS. S. STICK, by Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; of WM. MAURICE SALT and JAS. KENT STONE, by Bishop of Western New York; of JESSE A. PENNIMAN, by Bishop of New Jersey; of W. W. HIBBEN, by Bishop of Indiana.

I have also received notice from the Bishop of Ohio that the application of Ro. L. ANDERSON, to be received a Candidate for Orders, had been rejected; and notice from the Bishop of Albany that BROOKS BAKER had ceased to be a Candidate for Orders.

Upon a calm review of the state of things iu the Diocese, I can say, with all candor and gratefulness that I have never felt so hopeful in regard to the condition and prospects of the Church in Alabama. True, as you will have heard in the foregoing report, we have many vacant Churches, and I have had to report the extinction of several others. Still, if some congregations have been scattered, others have been gathered, and if some buildings have fallen into ruin, many others are springing up under most hopeful auspices, and are only not consecrated because we hope to replace them with more permanent structures. The number of communicants is steadily increasing—the confirmations for the present year being more in number than in any year, save one, since the formation of the Diocese.

Besides all this, Church institutions are springing up on all sides. Our people, instead of withholding their means on account of impoverishment, are steadily increasing in liberality. The history of our Diocese for the last eight years (and I suppose the same is true of other Southern Dioceses) is a most instructive one. Never were a people more bewildered and depressed by the social and political changes of the day, and never have they shown so much of Christian activity and unselfishness. The Church in Alabama, under GOD'S blessing, is steadily organizing to do the Master's work.

INSTITUTIONS IN THE DIOCESE.

To say nothing of the numberless and unrecorded charities, which are called for at every step, and almost at every moment, we have the following benevolent institutions regularly organized:

1st. "The Bishop Cobbs Orphan Home," at Montgomery—situated near Hamner Hall, and under the pastoral care of the Rector of St. John's Church. I hope that the Rector of this institution will furnish in his report an account of the condition and prospects of this institution.

2d. "The Industrial Home School for Orphaned and Indigent Boys." The Rector of Christ Church, Mobile, is ex-officio Rector of the Industrial Home. It was founded by the present Rector of Christ Church, and owes its existence to his unwearied efforts. Its design is to furnish, under Church auspices, an education to homeless and indigent boys, and at the same time

to train them for usefulness in life by teaching them to labor. The institution is beautifully situated near the city of Mobile, and I hope that many members of the Convention will embrace the present opportunity to see for themselves its practical working. The advantages of the Institution are by no means confined to the city of Mobile, and I should be very glad if all our people could be interested in helping forward a work of such importance to the whole State and Country.

3d. "The Church Home for Orphan Girls," in the city of Mobile. I have in my previous address, spoken of this Institution, and I need not say more at this time than that the "Church Home" is doing its work of love quietly and faithfully. I should be glad if the members of the Convention, who take an interest in such matters, would visit the Home, which is at all times ready for inspection.

4th. "The Sheltering Arms," under the direction of the Rector of Trinity Church, is an Institution for housing the unsheltered and providing them with permanent homes and employment. This Institution, founded in necessitous times, has accomplished an incalculable amount of good, and with the "Industrial Home," and the "Church Home," deserves not only the support and sympathy of the city, but of the whole State. I do not think that our friends in the upper country understand very clearly their relation, and consequent obligation, to the charitable institutions in the city of Mobile. The fact is, that they send us from the upper country, their widows and orphans, drawn hither partly to seek employment, and partly to solicit aid from our organized charities; but they do not send with them the corn, and the wood and the clothing, which are needed for their comfort and their sustenance, and these necessaries have to be purchased here at great cost. The applications for relief in our large cities are of daily, and almost hourly, occurrence, and they come, in large part, from the country people, who flock thither from the surrounding counties. Let these facts be borne in mind by our country friends, and let them see to it that they do their part in caring for their own poor.

Besides these organized charities, we have in the way of Educational Institutions:

The "Hamner Hall," Boarding and Day School for Boys, at Montgomery. I have already spoken of this Institution, in my report.

And the "Church Home," Boarding and Day School for Girls, situated at Spring Hill, near Mobile.

I am so closely connected with this Institution that delicacy prevents me from saying all that I could justly say in its praise. A sense of duty, however, compels me to say that it is fulfilling the pledge which it gave at its start, viz: to furnish a good education, under Church auspices, at a minimum cost. I am, moreover, satisfied that many of our Church people are paying higher for inferior advantages at schools whose policy and effort is to subvert those principles in which our Church people should desire their daughters to be trained. When will our people be wise? When will they consider?

Let us see to it, Brethren of the Clergy and Laity, that we work together,

consistently and earnestly, in behalf of all that we hold to be the truth. This is not only consistent with charity, but is in truth demanded by that Charity which "rejoiceth in the truth."

I would add that there is a Church School for girls in Tuskaloosa, under the supervision of the Rector of Christ Church, in that city.

MISSION WORK IN THE DIOCESE.

In regard to the Missionary operations within the Diocese, I am much gratified in being able to report that, nearly all our Parishes and Mission Stations, so far as I am advised, have in large part redeemed their minimum pledges given at the last Convention. The contributions came in very tardily, it is true, but, by borrowing temporarily from other funds, I have been enabled thus far to redeem every pledge that I had made for the past year.

I have perhaps appeared to some as unduly urgent in this matter of contributions to the Diocesan Mission Fund. It is certainly not agreeable to me to have to urge this matter so pertinaciously, but if the Bishop does not provide for the brethren in weaker Parishes and at Mission Stations, to whom can they look? They must either suffer need, or go in debt, or seek more remunerative fields of labor in other Dioceses.

For several years I have worked steadily to this end, viz: to provide that every married and employed Clergyman in the Diocese shall have the minimum compensation of a house to live in, or its equivalent, and $1,000 per annum.

At this time I am able to report, that every married and working Clergyman in the Diocese, with the exception of two, is in the receipt of the compensation above mentioned. In my next address I hope to be able to report the same, without any exception. At all events, I shall henceforward act upon the rule—to encourage no Clergyman to come into the Diocese, unless I can pledge to him the amount specified. I am fully aware how meagre and inadequate the compensation is, but I incline to the opinion, that the average salary of the Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama is as high as, if not higher than, the average salary in any Diocese in the American Church.

It is a matter of duty on my part, and, I am sure, of interest on yours, that I should indicate the plan which I am now following out in regard to the disbursements of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

In the first place, I have made it a rule to appropriate $100 to every Mission Church that is built in the Diocese. Where the people are few, and the Church is to cost but a few hundred dollars, the appropriation of that amount is a matter of great importance, and acts as a stimulus to exertion on the part of the people.

In making appropriations for the year, I proceed as follows: With all possible pains, and information sought from every quarter, I ascertain the amount which each feeble Parish or Mission Station can pay annually towards the support of the Evangelist in charge. I then obtain from the people a promise to raise regularly the amount ascertained. I then pledge the Missionary Fund for an amount sufficient to raise the compensation to $1,000 per annum, and a house, or its equivalent.

My effort is to help the feeble stations, and to bring them rapidly forward to a self-supporting condition; and in such a way as to encourage exertion on their part.

The accomplishment of this result is with me a labor, but a labor of love. If we work together heartily we shall not fail of success. And, surely, there is motive enough to bring about the needed co-operation. We are members one of another? We are verily a brotherhood. Where is there a brotherhood bound together by such bonds of sympathy and mutual obligation? The comfort and happiness and welfare of one is that of all. In theory, we realize our mutual membership, one in the other, and our common membership in CHRIST. When we realize this in heart and deed, then the abundance of one will even flow to the relief of another—the strong will reach its hand to help the weak, and, when charity becomes more perfect, will extend itself as unconsciously as one hand helps another in doing a work which one cannot do alone. In a word, we shall reproduce the pentecostal spirit, and no man shall think that to be his own, which a brother needs more than himself.

A few of our Parishes are comparatively strong. A larger number are, with some considerable effort, what we call self-supporting, while an equal number, perhaps, are not able to sustain a ministry, and, without help from abroad, must be altogether deprived of Ministerial services.

I mention, as belonging to this latter class, the following Parishes and Mission Stations, which are now supported in part from the Mission Fund:

PARISHES.

St. Luke's, Jacksonville; St. Paul's, Carlowville; Grace Church, Dallas County; Emmanuel Church, Opelika; St. Wilfrid's, Marion; St. Paul's, Whistler; St. Thomas', Greenville; St. Mary's, Evergreen.

MISSION STATIONS.

Talladega, Montevallo, Union Springs, Seale's Station, and Madison Station.

All of these points are in some considerable measure helped from the Mission Fund.

There are other points which I am greatly desirous to include, and will do so the moment that I have funds in hand to make the needful appropriations. Among them I mention as follows, viz:

PARISHES AND MISSION STATIONS.

St. James' Church, Livingston; Calvary Church, Pushmataha; St. David's Church, Dallas County; Trinity Church, Florence; St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; St. Paul's Church, Decatur; St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville; Gadsden, Athens, Madison Station, &c., &c., &c.

My present obligations to the Mission field amount to about $3,000 per annum. If this amount could be increased to $4,000, I should be enabled to take in some three or four points in addition to the present number. All that

we require, in order to the occupancy of all our present vacant Parishes and Mission Stations, is the adoption of

SOME SYSTEMATIC PLAN OF OPERATIONS.

Suffer me to dwell upon this point a moment. It is said, and with great truth, that the times are unpropitious for any extended system of Missionary Operations.

I acknowledge the truth of all that can be said in regard to the monetary condition of our people. But it is this very condition of things that calls for the closest system in management. We cannot expect large sums from *any one* man, and therefore we must rely upon small sums from every man. When one is rich he may possibly do without system—it is one of the necessities of the poor.

Depend upon it, Brethren, that the difficulty of raising such small sums as we are speaking of—a few thousand dollars for Mission and Parish work—is not so much in the hardness of the times, as in the want of system. We Southern people are proverbially unsystematic. There are peoples, with half of our resources, who accomplish double results. Practically, a very few of the people do the work of the Church: and it falls heavily and unequally upon the few. The great majority of our people stand aloof from active co-operation, and, I am satisfied, not entirely from want of interest, but from the absence of a well digested plan, by which each one shall be pledged to do, regularly and systematically, what he can afford to do.

I have before my mind now many instances—some of them very recent—in which the revenues of the Church have increased two-fold, without at all increasing, but rather diminishing the burden which rested upon the few, before the system referred to was put into operation.

Some of our Parishes complain of the Convention assessment as unequal—some, as burdensome. Many think it hard that, with their limited resources, they should be called upon to aid the Mission Fund. How is this? Is there any practical difficulty in this matter, save that which can be removed by practicable measures? I have had occasion, oftentimes, to mention a fact—a small fact it appears when viewed alone, but a very great fact when considered as the illustration of a principle—that the weekly contribution of a dime by each communicant would give us a sum that would pay the whole Convention fund, (including Bishop's salary, Convention expenses and annuity,) would increase, by more than one-fourth, the present Mission Fund, and leave as a balance $10,000 to build Churches, employ Evangelists and educate young men for the Ministry. And this result can be reached in every congregation by any practical man who will take the pains to introduce system into his Parochial work. The fact is, that no man is properly received into the Church by Baptism, or into the fellowship of the Church by Confirmation, who is not instructed as to his duty in sustaining the Church. We cannot look for the steady growth of our people in piety, except in connection with steady personal efforts on their part to do their full duty as members of CHRIST. If they were merely members of a human society, they would recognize their obliga-

tions to support it; how much more when admitted into membership with the Church of GOD; the law of whose being is self-sacrifice and self-abnegation.

It may seem that I dwell too much and too urgently upon what some may think to be very small matters. But, Brethren, it is the small matter that is lost sight of, and needs to be brought to view. In common life, whosoever neglects the details of his business shall fail to prosper. And we have a sure warranty besides our experience, that "he that despiseth little things shall perish by little and little."

Whether this whole matter should be left to the discretion of each Parish, or whether it would be well to digest some plan, by which all might work, if they saw fit to adopt it, will be for this Convention to determine. It appears to me that if any of us have talent and experience in the line of systematic Parochial work, all should reap benefit therefrom. It is for counsel and co-operation that we leave our homes and draw together at these annual gatherings. It appears to me entirely practicable to devise some plan by which we can get at the resources which are in our hands. At present, we are working at a great disadvantage, as compared with some other religious bodies. We are not utilizing the means in our power. And we shall not approximate to our full duty and privilege, until every member of the Church is, in some systematic way, pledged to do that which he shall feel himself able to do. When that point is reached, we shall still be far below the mark, for, unhappily, we form low standards of duty. Still, we shall be surprised at the result of system, even under our present narrow views of duty, and as we grow in knowledge and love, our views of duty and privilege will be enlarged, and the tide of a new life will flow into the channels already provided.

Surely it is not a small matter *that we have absolutely no system by which we are now working* the resources of the Diocese. And, indeed, is any matter of small importance which involves the welfare and extension of the Church? Notwithstanding the fact that the financial affairs of our people are at a lower ebb than perhaps they have been for many years, I am persuaded, that if measures could be adopted, by which every member and friend of the Church could be reached in the next month (and without difficulty he could be so reached) and the pledge of all willing to pledge themselves, could be obtained—to give weekly, the sum that he felt able and willing to give—the result would be an amazing one. Every Church debt would be lifted at once. Every Clergyman would have an ample support, and we should increase tenfold the Missionary operations of the Church.

I incline very much to the opinion that, if the Committee on the State of the Church, or any other Committee appointed by this Convention for that purpose, would recommend the details of a system for bringing out and applying the resources of our Parishes, a good work would be done thereby. Some Parishes might not stand in need of it, some might prefer another, and some, perhaps, care not to have a plan. Still, there would be others, and by far the larger number, who would be thankful for the recommendations and advice of this body and would gladly avail themselves of the help afforded.

A few words in regard to

"THE HYMNAL"

put forth by the last General Convention. I have regretted to find that the Hymnal has been so partially used throughout the Diocese of Alabama. That any Hymnal can be proposed which, in every particular, will commend itself to universal approbation, is not to be expected. The tastes of the people—to say nothing of shades of difference in doctrine—render it impossible.

I am satisfied, however—and this is saying a great deal for the Hymnal—that it is entirely practicable for any one to choose out from the volume, as it now stands, a collection of hymns that shall satisfy his own tastes, and supply all his devotional needs. And although each one might desire the restoration of some hymns that have been omitted, and the omission of some that have been inserted, yet, I am sure there is no one whose poetical taste and religious sentiment could not find ample scope for gratification, without the slightest change in the collection now presented for trial in the Church.

But it is probable, from indications on all sides, that the whole subject will undergo revision: and if so, it is eminently proper that we, as a Diocese, should have something to say upon a matter of such general interest and concernment.

Whether it is better for us to act upon this matter in the present Convention, or to leave it to the Delegates who may represent the Diocese in General Convention, is a matter of discretion, in regard to which I express no opinion. I embrace, however, the present opportunity to give expression to some thoughts which I have long entertained, but which I am compelled very briefly and hastily to present. The difficulty, as it seems to me, in coming to a perfect unanimity in this matter of the hymnody of the Church, has been that we have hitherto acted without any recognized principle or rule in the selection of hymns. Mere fancy and taste have had too much play. Now, in matters of *taste* there is no end of difference and disputation; but we may hope to come to some degree of unanimity, if we can agree upon a *principle*.

What then should be the end principally in view in forming a collection of hymns for the Church? It should be, I conceive—*to make suitable provision for Praise and Adoration in Public Worship.* The language with which the hymn is introduced—to go no farther—seems to imply this much: "Let us praise God," &c., &c., &c. Now we have ample provision in Morning and Evening prayer, and in the Litany, for supplication and petition. Would it not seem, therefore, that the characteristic of the hymns should be praise and adoration?

Am I mistaken in saying that in our worship of God we tend to run rather into the language of prayer than of praise? This is because we are habitually more given to prayer than to praise, and this again, because we are more alive to our still ungratified desires than to the mercies which we already have. Let any one recall his ordinary private devotions, and he will find, I think, that they have in them more of *supplication* than of *thanksgiving*. Let him go still farther and bring under review his habitual thoughts, and see if he is not more anxiously alive to the hourly wants that press upon him than to the innumerable

mercies that crown his life. Is not this verily, of man's nature—that his thoughts tend selfward, not Godward?

Now, one of the great uses and necessities of "Forms of Worship" is to teach man *how* to worship—to teach him, alike, *how to praise*, and *how to pray*, to take him out of his narrowness and selfishness, and to raise his heart Heavenward; as well in adoring praise as in humble supplication. The Form of Prayer given by our Blessed Lord—and this Divine Model of acceptable worship ought to be the standard by which all forms should be tested—gives us the perfect idea of prayer. It begins by turning the soul from itself to God—"Our Father"—The Father always first in Holy Worship—always first in the hearts of His children; then the coming of the Father's Kingdom, the hallowing of His Name, and the doing of His Will, as in Heaven, so on Earth. Then, and not till then, come in thoughts of the worshipper's needs—daily bread, forgiveness of sins and deliverance from evil; closing with ascriptions of praise and adoration.

Now if such be the character of worship in *prayer*, how especially full of thanksgiving and adoration should be the worship of God in *praise?* Surely then praise should abound! Assuredly, it should not be less prominent in our hymns than it is in the model of *prayer* given by the Blessed Lord.

Here then, if I mistake not, is a *principle*—a principle very clear when stated, but hitherto unrecognized—which if strictly applied, would settle at once the status of many disputed hymns. We need greatly a Hymnal, which shall not be, as are many of our modern hymns, hortatory, nor homiletical, nor historical, nor specially supplicatory, but chiefly and more purely Eucharistic. The Liturgy is full of supplication—the Litany well nigh exhaustive. Should not then the Hymnal of the Church *abound* in praise?

We have many beautiful hymns—poetically beautiful and replete with wholesome doctrine—but does there not seem to be an incongruity when some of them are sung as acts of worship?

Take some specimens of various descriptions—first the *Hortatory*. The Minister says, "Let us praise God," in such and such a hymn, and then gives out the words, "Sinners turn, why will ye die"; or, "Sinner, rouse thee from thy sleep"—thrilling, and suitable, and needful words from the pulpit—which is ordained for instruction, and warning, and exhortation—but quite out of place in hymnody, for when the people sing they are supposed to be speaking unto God, and not exhorting their fellow sinners to repentance.

Take another specimen—the *Historical*—"When, Lord, to this, our Western Land," &c., &c., or, "On Zion and on Lebanon," &c., &c.—admirable topics for a missionary address, but surely out of place in an act of worship.

Take other specimens still—the *Homiletical*—"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire," "Deluded souls that dream of Heaven," "Blest is the man whose softening heart"—all good for the lecture room and the pulpit, but quite out of place in the act of praising God.

Now put beside such hymns, as I have cited, the "Te Deum," the "Glori

in Excelsis," and almost any other ancient hymn, and mark how the Church in modern times has forgotten to praise GOD, in its love of disquisition, and exhortation.

What should we think of such disquisitions, and homiletics, and historical passages, and exhortations, in prayer? Why are they not as much out of place in praise?

True, the modern extemporaneous prayer deals with all such themes, and is made the vehicle of all sorts of communication to man, through the form of an address to the Deity, and, oftentimes, seems to be offered to the audience rather than to GOD. And may it not be that our modern hymns have caught the infection from the same source? There is a very notable difference in this particular between the ancient and modern hymns of devotion.

If we would all be agreed—and why can we not—upon a principle which should be unsparingly applied to every hymn, and by which it should be tested, (the prayers of the Church will already bear a corresponding test), we would get rid at once of a vast deal of superfluous, irrelevant and incongruous matter; remanding some hymns to the closet as too private, sacred and individually subjective for common worship (for example, such hymns as, "Lord, my GOD, I long to know"); some to the pulpit, as too didactic for worship; and some few to the flames, as for example, "Hark from the tombs, a doleful sound," words which were long since hushed by the voice that was heard from Heaven, "From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." And still, after having expunged all such hymns as I have cited, we would have left a Treasury of Devotion, in which, as there were no definitions and disquisitions, all hearts might agree and all voices join, to the praise and glory of GOD the Father. For it is not in the heart that Christian men differ, but in the taste and the intellect. We do not need—except to satisfy diversities of taste—a very large collection of hymns. And if the christian heart were ever drawn upward in thanksgiving and adoration, the fancy would have less scope for diversity. The psalms in metre might be omitted altogether. We have already the Psalter in worship, and it has been rarely, if ever, improved by versification—the beauty of expression and the exactness of meaning being constantly sacrificed to rhyme and measure. Our hymns then might be comparatively few, and yet adequate to every devotional need. We should love them more, as we always love those things more which are constantly near our hearts. And then, if we could all learn to sing each hymn to its own tune, after a while, the whole congregation might learn to unite in singing, and we should at last realize the true idea of worship, and every thing that had breath might be taught to praise the Lord. Amen.

In a word—to sum up all—if we shall have no potential voice in modifying the present Hymnal, let us devoutly thank GOD for the precious collection we already have, (at the same time gratefully appreciating the labors of the eminent men who compiled it,) and let us use wisely the discretion that is left us in the selection of hymns to be sung in our churches. My injunction to you is, as much as possible, to apply the rule to the hymns to be sung, that the

Church seem to have applied to the Collects, viz.—that nothing however beautiful, or striking, or true, is properly admissible in public worship, save that which is addressed to GOD in supplication, thanksgiving or adoration.

The application of this rule may exclude much that is strictly individual, much that is purely subjective, and much that might be eminently edifying in private devotion and meditation; but it will give us what we need in the Sanctuary—*Common Praise and Common Prayer!*

Depend upon it, dear brethren, that the songs of the Church, like all other songs, are great educators, and have much to do with the evolution and character of the Christian life.

My remarks have extended far beyond what I proposed to myself when I commenced to write this Address; but I have not found the time to condense them. Pressing official duty has occupied me up to the assembling of this Convention, and I have been compelled to prepare this Address amidst many distractions and in much weariness.

May GOD the HOLY GHOST be with us in our present deliberations; granting us a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort, through the merits of JESUS CHRIST, our Saviour. AMEN.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., Rector.
May 1st, 1873.

Communicants—Present No.			325
Sunday School—Teachers 20, scholars 200		Total,	220
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 70, private 5		Total,	75
Baptisms,			25
Confirmations,			19
Marriages,			8
Funerals,			10
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$4,500 00		
Convention Fund,	880 00		
Current Expenses,	4,253 75		
Payment of Church Debt,	4,500 00—	$14,133 75	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
General,	758 17		
Communion Alms,	364 50		
Sunday School Offering,	175 00		
Sunday School,	90 00—	1,387 67	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home,	50 90		
Diocesan Missions,	357 63		
Industrial Home,	1,051 83—	1,460 36	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	140 90		
Foreign and Indian Missions	52 85—	193 75	
Total Expenditures,		$17,175 53	

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rector.
May 1st, 1873.

Baptisms—Adults 8, Infants 9,	Total,	17
Confirmations,		11
Marriages,		6
Burials		6
Communicants—Reported in 1872, 120; since lost, by death 1; by removals 14—15; added, by 1st Communion 9; by removals 8—17,	Present No.	122
Sunday School—Teachers 8, Pupils 49	Total,	57
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 18, private 1	Total,	19

Collections—Communion Offerings,	$ 274 65	
Weekly Offertory,	438 78	
Offerings of Sunday School,	34 00	
By Subscription Lists,	1,793 21	
By Church Guild,	28 50	
In Mite Chests,	21 73	
Otherwise,	59 35	
Total Collections,		$2,650 22
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary,	$1,500 00	
To Insurance on Rector's Life,	97 00	
Convention Assessment,	220 00	
To the Poor,	4 00	
To Diocesan Missions,	198 30	
To Domestic Missions,	21 73	
To the University of the South,	50 00	
To the Church at Talladega,	11 25	
To the Church at Birmingham,	15 00	
To Fund for the Increase of the Ministry,	300 75	
For Private Communion Service,	41 00	
For Chandelier and Lamps,	58 00	
To Current Expenses,	156 60	
To Parish School,	61 40	
Total Appropriations,		$2,735 03

REMARKS.—Owing to the flood which swept away the crops along our river in July last, the past has been, financially, a peculiarly severe year upon this community; and it is certainly encouraging to find that this has not more seriously affected the Parochial collections, and that the Offertory shows no material reduction in consequence.

The Parish School, opened in October last, has not received the support which it has merited, and ought to have had from Church people: but we trust that it may grow in favor as its worth and importance comes to be realized and understood.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.—Rev. R. H. COBBS, Rector.

May 15th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 131; died 1, removed 8,		Present No.	128
Baptized persons not Communicants,			134
Total Parishioners,			262
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 62,		Total,	70
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			6
Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 10		Total,	11
Confirmations,			3
Marriages,			6
Funerals,			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish, since last report,			9
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$1,160 00		
Convention Fund	200 00		
Current Expenses,	31 80		
Repairs,	3,222 83		
Children's Easter Offering,	454 70	$5,068 83	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		43 53	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		88 40	

Brought forward,		$5,200 76
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese,		
Domestic Missions,	21 15	
University of the South	16 50—	37 65
Total Expenditures,		$5,238 41

REMARKS.—The Church building in this Parish has been greatly enlarged and improved, and the prospect of growth and extension here more encouraging than at any time in its history.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.—Rev. F. R. HANSON, Officiating.

May 9th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 70; died 1, removed 7,	Present No.	67
Sunday School—Teachers 14, scholars—white 75, colored 12	Total,	101
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		8
Baptisms,		4
Confirmations,		2
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$175 00	
Repairs,	10 00—	$185 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		39 35
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home—Donation, value,	50 00	
Diocesan Missions,	55 80—	105 80
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,		35 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		76 10
Total Expenditures,		$441 25

REMARKS.—I have officiated generally in the afternoon of Sunday, during the past year in this Church, and have been very much gratified by the regular and devout attendance of the congregation on those services. The Church seems to be at unity with itself, and is gradually and steadily growing in the favor and confidence of the community. The Vestry have recently called to the Rectorship of the Parish the Rev. C. H. COLEY, who has accepted the call and will soon enter on the regular discharge of his duties.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

Communicants—In 1872, 36; died 1, removed 2,	Present No.	44
Baptized persons not Communicants,		16
Total Parishioners,		60
Sunday School—Teachers 6, scholars 25	Total,	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		7
Baptisms—Adult 1, Infants 2	Total,	3
Confirmations,		8
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—Convention Fund,	$ 55 00	
Current Expenses,	16 25	
Repairs,	165 42—	$236 67
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	11 90	
" " thro' B'p Wilmer at visit'n, 1872,	22 20	
" " thro' Central Ala. Convocation,	28 50—	62 60
Total Expenditures,		$299 27

REMARKS.—St. James' is still without a Rector. Lay Reading has been continued regularly since previous annual report.

May, 1873. THOS. COBBS, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D.D., Rector. Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, Ass't.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 385; died 4, removed 10,..... Present No.			41[illegible]
Sunday School—Teachers 38, scholars 229.....Total,			26[illegible]
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 50, private 20.....Total,			70[illegible]
Baptisms,.....			54
Confirmations,.....			54
Marriages,.....			9
Funerals,.....			24
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,.....	$4,000 00		
Convention Fund,.....	700 00		
Current Expenses,.....	600 00		
Repairs,.....	200 00—	$5,500 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....	310 00		
Sunday School Offering,.....	1,054 00		
Orphan Home,.....	948 75—	2,312 75	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,.....	594 65		
Church at Talladega,.....	100 00		
Society for Widows and Orphans,.....	60 00—	754 65	
Other Contributions for Church purposes,.....		975 00	
Total Expenditures,.....			$9,542 40

REMARKS.—The Vestry have recently purchased a Rectory at a cost of $8,000. Hamner Hall will be opened October 1st, as a School for Boys, under the charge of Mr. F. K. MEADE. The School for Girls will be removed within the city limits. A Chapel will be commenced at an early day.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.—Rev. THOS. G. POND, Rector.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 67; died 2, removed 2, (5 added),..Present No.			68
Baptized persons not Communicants,.....			74
Total Parishioners,.....			142
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 35.....Total,			43
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 25, private 2.....Total,			27
Baptisms,.....			9
Confirmations,.....			1
Funerals,.....			8
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,.....			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
On Salary of Rector,.....	$583 00		
Convention Fund,.....	60 00		
Repairs,.....	745 00		
For Rector, other than Salary,.....	158 00—	$1,546 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....		24 80	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,.....		41 15	
Total Expenditures.....			$1,611 95

REMARKS.—I have spent six days in visiting the Parish of Holy Cross, 'niontown, preached three times, administered the Holy Communion twice, nd baptized one infant. One of the Communicants reported "Died" was aptized "in extremis," and received into the Communion of the Holy Cathlic Church by Rev. W. A. STICKNEY; and another of the baptisms was adinistered by the same Priest. These official acts are, at his request, recordd and reported in this Parish.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. J. JULYAN CLEMENS, Rector.

May 13th, 1873.

'ommunicants—In October, 1872, 189; died 2, removed 7, Present No.—Whites 232, colored 3,			235
aptized persons not Communicants,			200
Total Parishioners,			435
unday School—Teachers 16, scholars 140		Total,	156
'elebration of Holy Communion—Public,			14
aptisms—Infants 14, Adults 3		Total,	17
'onfirmations,			22
Iarriages,			3
'unerals,			7
Iumber of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			6
'arochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$1,250 00		
Convention Fund,	400 00		
Current Expenses,	758 19		
Repairs on Rectory,	525 00		
New Church, per Building Committee,	852 15		
New Church, Offertory, 3d Sunday after Easter,	2,500 00—	$6,285 34	
'harities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	188 60		
Sunday School,	27 25—	215 85	
'harities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home,	20 00		
Diocesan Missions,	250 00—	270 00	
'harities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	107 30		
University of the South,	35 70—	143 00	
)ther Contributions for Church purposes,		737 35	
Total Expenditures for six Months,		$7,651 54	

REMARKS.—In the last report made to the Convention the present number f Communicants was reported to be 260—25 of whom belonged to various 'arishes at some distance from Selma, the remaining 235 being residents of he city. When the present Rector took charge in October, 1872, he found he duties of his own Parish sufficiently arduous without adding to it the care f some five others, and after a careful inspection of the list of his own Commuicants, he found that the report far exceeded their real number. From these wo causes the number was reduced to 189. The list as at present reported, ncludes only such as are actually residing within the Parochial limits of St. 'aul's. This report of official acts performed, and of total expenditures made, mbraces only the last six months, a full report being impossible owing to inufficiency of data—and I deem it due to my Vestry and people to say they have iven more money to Church purposes in these six months, than in any twelve f their previous history.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE, DALLAS COUNTY.

REV. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 56; removed 2,..... Present No.		54
Baptized persons not Communicants,.....		51
Total Parishioners,.....		105
Sunday School—Teachers 3, scholars 20..... ...Total,		23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,.....		10
Baptisms,.....		5
Funerals,.....		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,.....		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,.....	$186 75	
Bishop's Assessment,.....	28 41—$215 16	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions,.....		39 65
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,.....		4 00
Total Expenditures,.....		$258 81

REMARKS.—The regular semi-monthly Sunday services, with weekly Wednesday and Lenten Friday services, have been held in this Parish through the year. The monthly service in Warrenton is also continued, and is attended by an encouraging number of worshipers. It is our misfortune to have had our little Church greatly damaged by a tornado which passed over our village on the first day of the month. We trust, however, to be able to restore the roof and to make it available for the purposes of worship within a month or two.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE,

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 192, died 3, removed, 4..... .. Present No.		220
Baptized persons not Communicants—Not known.		
Total Parishioners—Not known.		
Sunday School—Teachers 20, scholars about 180,.....Total,		200
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 17, private 4,.....Total,		21
Baptism—Infants 14, adults 7, ...		21
Confirmations,.....		35
Marriages,.....		4
Funerals,.....		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,.....	$ 2,400 00	
Convention Fund,.....	450 00	
Current Expenses,.....	611 43	
Repairs,..... ..	152 00—$ 3,613 43	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,.....	316 00	
Sunday School Offerings,.....	835 00	
To Parish School—Communion Alms, ...	50 00—	1,201 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,.....		216 61
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,.....	75 00	
University of the South,.....	150 45—	225 45
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,.....		1,000 00
Total Expenditures, ...		$6,256 49

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON, HALE COUNTY, ALA.

Rev. F. R. HANSON, Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 27, removed 4,		Present No. 23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms—Infants,		5
Marriages,		4
Funerals—White,		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$ 85 00	
Repairs,	300 00—$	385 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		35 70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions, about,		50 00
Total Expenditures,		$470 70

REMARKS.—August 10th, I visited Livingston, and preached on Saturday and Sunday; administered the Holy Communion, and baptized 1 infant. On Saturday and Sunday, August 24th and 25th, I preached in Calvary Church, Choctaw County, and administered the Holy Communion. In September, I visited Blount Springs, and while there preached twice and married two couple.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Rector.

May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 71, died 3, removed 3, added 13,		Present No. 78
Baptized persons not Communicants—Not known.		
Sunday School—Teachers 7, scholars 35,		Total, 42
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		12
Baptisms—Public—Infants 11, (3 at Clayton,) private 1, adults 3,		Total, 15
Confirmations,		10
Marriages,		2
Funerals,		5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 1,600 00	
Convention Fund,	165 00	
Current Expenses,	150 00	
Repairs,	20 00—$	1,935 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		40 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		81 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		29 25
Total Expenditures,		$2,085 25

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW—Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 20,	Present No. 27
Baptized persons not Communicants,	30
Total Parishioners,	57
Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars 20,	Total, 24

Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		1
Baptisms,		[illegible]
Confirmations,		[illegible]
Marriages,		[illegible]
Funerals,		[illegible]
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, from May, '72 to '73,	$ 366 00	
Convention Fund,	50 00	
Repairs,	250 00—	$ 666 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		60 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		36 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Foreign Missions,		6 15
University of the South,		8 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		31 00
Total Expenditures,		$807 15

REMARKS.—There are four Communicants living north and west of this, not counted in this report.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 435, died 8, removed 15,		Present No. 503
Sunday School—Teachers 25, scholars 200,		Total, 225
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, every Sunday, private 14,		Total, 66
Baptisms,		63
Confirmations,		51
Marriages,		20
Funerals,		47
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,		$ 605 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	$ 188 40	
By the Lay Association,	800 00—	988 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		350 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	$ 56 30	
Foreign Missions,	28 00	
University of the South,	34 15	
Increase of the Ministry,	300 00—	418 45
Total Expenditures,		$2,361 85

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE,

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 21, removed 1,	Present No. 24
Baptized persons not Communicants,	19
Total Parishioners,	43
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	5

Baptisms,		4
Confirmations,		4
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, May '72 to May '73,	$ 416 00	
Convention Fund,	82 50—$	498 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Communion Alms,		12 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		50 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		7 55
Total Expenditures,		$568 30

REMARKS.—There are three Communicants south of this, not in the Parish, who are not included in this report.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE—Rev. J F. SMITH, Rector.

May 10th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 48, died 2, removed 4,	Present No.	46
Baptized persons not Communicants,		41
Total Parishioners,		87
Sunday School—Teachers 5, scholars 36,	Total,	41
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 12, private 1,	Total,	13
Baptisms—2 infants, 1 adult,	Total,	3
Confirmations,		4
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$	300 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		42 25
Total Expenditures,		$342 25

REMARKS.—Since the last Report, we have succeeded in erecting a neat and comfortable Chapel; many, many thanks to the kind brethren and the Parishes throughout the Diocese, that have aided us, without which aid we could not have succeeded. Our prospects here grow brighter and brighter—to God be all the glory, Amen.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY,

Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

May 1st 1873.

Communicants—In 1871, 42, 10 from Dayton; removed this year 2; Present No. (30 in St. Michael's, 9 in Dayton)		39
Total Parishioners,		80
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 18, private 1,	Total,	19
Baptisms—Infants,		5
Confirmations,		1
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector, promised,	$ 400 00	
Convention Fund,	157 00	
Current Expenses,	62 75—$	619 75
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms—Specified elsewhere.		
Private offerings for the Church Bible, 2 Prayer Books and Altar Service,		30 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		152 10
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
University of the South,		11 55
Total Expenditures		$813 40

REMARKS.—Accepted the Rectorship, and commenced duty in this Parish, Whit Sunday, 1872, to supply public services two Sundays a month. Have been able to give additional services during the week, on most of the Litany, as also, the Festival and Fast days. Lay Reading furnishes worship in the Church, whenever I am absent on Sunday. I supplied St. Paul's, Selma, with full alternate Sunday Services and Monthly Celebrations five months of the past year, during its vacancy. Gave two Sundays to the Parish of Uniontown; one to Demopolis, and one with a week to Livingston; celebrating the Holy Communion in each place and time. An occasional office performed in other Parishes, reported duly for registry in the same.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. THOS. J. BEARD, Assistant Rector.
May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 330, died 8, removed 12,	Present No.	365
Sunday School—Teachers 23, scholars 250,	Total,	273
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 77, private 12,	Total,	89
Baptisms—Adults, 20, infants 64,	Total,	84
Confirmations,		92
Marriages,		16
Funerals,		35
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 1,968 00	
Convention Fund,	275 00	
Current Expenses,	308 85	
Repairs,	1,268 85	
Furnaces for Church,	194 65	
Sunday School Offerings, Easter, for paying debt on Organ,	60 50—$	4,075 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	295 43	
Ladies Aid Society, for the Poor,	73 00—	368 43
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home,	569 30	
Diocesan Missions,	100 00—	669 30
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions, (Mite Chests,)	48 75	
Foreign Missions,	10 00	
Increase of the Ministry,	9 25—	68 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		159 53
Total Expenditures,		$5,341 11

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON—Rev. P. A. FITTS, Rector.
May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 51, died none, removed 27,		Present No.	40
Baptized persons not Communicants,			38
Total Parishioners,			78
Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars 30,		Total,	34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			4
Baptisms—Adults 1, infants 6,		Total,	7
Confirmations,			15
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 541 00		
Convention Fund,	25 00		
Current Expenses,	15 00—	$ 581 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		31 35	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		20 00	
Other Contributions for Church purposes,		34 40	
Total Expenditures,		$666 75	

REMARKS.—Most of the removals have been to the Parish at Birmingham.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.
May 5th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 25,		Present No.	31
Baptized persons not Communicants,			22
Total Parishioners,			53
Sunday School—Teachers 7, scholars 24,		Total,	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 13, private 2,		Total,	15
Baptisms—Infants 8, adults 4,		Total,	12
Confirmations,			7
Marriages,			2
Funerals,			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 473 00		
Convention Fund,	50 00		
Repairs,	10 00		
Font, about,	105 00		
Stove,	45 00—	$ 683 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		35 10	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		45 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	4 30		
Foreign Missions,	4 30		
University of the South,	7 50—	16 10	
Total Expenditures,		$779 20	

REMARKS.—Of the amount of Contributions reported above, $280 00 were raised by the Sunday School, with the co-operation of the Ladies of the Parish, at their Whit-Sunday, Christmas and Easter Festivals; with $40 00 in addition to re-pay money borrowed to meet the dues at the Convention of 1872.

CALVARY CHURCH, PUSHMATAHA, CHOCTAW COUNTY.

Communicants—In 1872, 19, died 1, removed 4,.....Present No. 17
Baptized persons not Communicants,..... 25
Total Parishioners,..... 42
Sunday School—Teachers 2, scholars 10,.....Total, 12
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,..... 2
Baptisms,..... 2
Confirmations,..... 1
Funerals,..... 1
Parochial Expenditures—
Convention Fund,.....$ 5 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Sunday Collections,..... 11 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Diocesan Missions,..... 12 00

Total Expenditures,.....$28 30

REMARKS.—The Parish has been without a Rector since July, 1872. This Report is made up in accordance with the Register, and such facts as have fallen under observation of subscriber. Services have been held in the Church, every Sunday, except two, since August 1872, by subscriber, licensed by Bishop R. H. WILMER, as Lay Reader. STUART HAMILTON.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL, MOBILE COUNTY,

Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Officiating Rector.

May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 31, died 1, removed 1,.....Present No. 34
Baptized persons not Communicants,..... 40
Total Parishioners,..... 74
Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars 20,.....Total, 24
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,..... 12
Baptisms,..... 7
Marriages,..... 1
Funerals,..... 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,..... 12
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector, (Offertory,).....$ 167 00
Current Expenses,..... 29 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms, included in Offertory.
Total Expenditures,.....$196 00

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND DALLAS COUNTY,

Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 33, died 2,.....Present No. 35
Baptized persons not Communicants,..... 58
Total Parishioners,.....93
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 11, private 9,.....Total, 20
Baptisms,..... 5
Confirmations,..... 2
Marriages,..... 1
Funerals,..... 4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,..... 12

Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector,.....$ 112 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Communion Alms appropriated to Diocesan Missions,..... 56 42

Total Expenditures,.....$168 67

REMARKS.—The alternate Sundays of each month, are devoted to this Parish, and the Holy Days of the year are divided between this and my Church at home. Efforts have been made at different intervals, to sustain a Sunday School, but remoteness of residence and other difficulties peculiar to the state of the country, have rendered the undertaking hopeless. The services of the Church however, are well attended, and the interest manifested by the congregation in the worship of the Sanctuary, is very creditable, and also encouraging to the Minister.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, AUTAUGAVILLE,
Rev. J. H. STRINGFELLOW, Minister in Charge.
May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 21, died 1,.....Present No. 20
Baptized persons not Communicants,..... 25
Total Parishioners,..... 45
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,..... 1
Confirmations,..... 2
Funerals,..... 1
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector,.....$ 75 00
Convention Fund,..... 25 00—$ 100 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms,..... 5 60

Total Expenditures,.....$105 60

REMARKS.—Since my ordination I have been assisting the Rector of St. John's Church, Montgomery. I have also, since October, 1872, been officiating, once during the month, in St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.
May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 42, removed 4.....Present No. 45
Sunday School—Teachers 6, scholars 30,.....Total, 36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 15, private 2,.....Total, 17
Baptisms—Adults 2, infants 6,.....Total, 8
Confirmations,..... 6
Marriages,..... 2
Funerals,..... 5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,..... 12
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector,.....$ 500 00
Convention Fund,..... 50 00—$ 550 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—
Communion Alms,..... 17 30
At Offertory,..... 64 25— 81 55
For Church Building, exact amount unknown.
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—
Diocesan Missions,..... 57 15

Total Expenditures,.....$688 70

REMARKS.—The progress of this Parish is still retarded by the want of a suitable Church Building; a want which our people are in earnest to supply: two Associations, one of ladies, working to that end. I am not able to state the exact amount of available funds for the purpose; but we are making strenuous efforts to get the building in condition to use during the summer.

We have here the pleasure of acknowledging $100 00 from Col. CHAS. T. POLLARD, and $20 00 from the Hon. E. W. PECK.

Grateful acknowledgments are due to the Bishop White P. B. S., of Philadelphia, for one hundred Prayer Books; to the New York B & P. B. S., for one hundred Prayer Books and a number of Sunday School Library Books; and to St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, Mass., for about one hundred and fifty Library Books.

The Rector records here his sense of the kindness of certain gentlemen of the Parish, who have made him a member of the "Clergyman's Mutual Insurance League"—an institution constantly growing in his appreciation.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE,

Rev. WILLIAM BRITTAIN, Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 49, died 1,		Present No. 30
Sunday School—Teachers 6, scholars 46,		Total, 52
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		6
Baptisms,		5
Confirmations,		7
Funerals,		4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,		3
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 334 50	
Convention Fund,	50 00	
Current Expenses,	57 15	
Repairs,	100 00	
Miscellaneous,	25 00—	$566 65
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		16 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		9 70
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	12 65	
Foreign Missions,	3 85—	16 50
Total Expenditures,		$608 95

REMARKS. The above report is somewhat imperfect; the undersigned being in charge of the Parish only a few months. The prospects of the Church are very encouraging, and the members are an unit in their work of faith and labour of love.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN—Rev. WILLIAM BRITTAIN, Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 24,	Present No. 28
Baptized persons not Communicants,	16
Total Parishioners,	44
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	6
Baptisms,	11
Confirmations,	4
Marriages,	1
Funerals,	1

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,		$ 230 00
Current Expenses,		30 00
Total Expenditures,		$260 00

REMARKS.—The undersigned has charge of the above Parish, in connection with that of Greenville; he visits it monthly, and is very much encouraged in his labours.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, TALLASSEE—Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rector.
May 10th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 35, died 3, removed 4,	Present No.	39
Sunday School—Teachers 16, scholars 100,	Total,	116
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		14
Baptisms—Infants 11, adults 8	Total,	19
Confirmations,		12
Funerals,		6
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$1,200 00	
Convention Fund,	60 00	
Current Expenses,	40 00	
Insurance Policy for Rector,	250 00—	$ 1,550 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	83 30	
Sunday School Books and Papers,	41 00	
Christmas Tree,	50 00	
Lenten Offerings,	24 20—	$ 198 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,	64 05	
Convocation,	11 85—	75 90
Other Contributions for Church Purposes,		45 00
Total Expenditures,		$1,869 40

REMARKS.—The Communicants of the Church heretofore reported by me, as residing at Cross Keys, have removed; some to Montgomery, and others to other places. I have officiated during the past year several times at Mt. Meigs, and administered the Holy Communion to the few Communicants residing there.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL—COLORED CONGREGATION.

Baptisms—Infants,	29
Marriages,	6
Burials,	2

Twice a month, services have been kept up at this point. And on week days they were better attended, when plantation routine would be suspended, than the ordinary Sundays. Perseverance is the rule adhered to, amid prospects anything but hopeful. Indications pointing to the growth of morality—especially of truth, integrity and chastity—do not cheer my toils for and with this race of people. Their nocturnal religious meetings are excessive in noisy passionate demonstrations and professions; while the Divine Law—the Code of the Decalogue—is practically rejected as the basis of their religion and morality.

W. A. STICKNEY.

FAUNSDALE, MARENGO COUNTY, May 13th, 1873.

TALLADEGA MISSION—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 45, removed 2,		Present No.	50
Baptized persons not Communicants,			60
Total Parishioners,			110
Sunday School—Teachers 3, scholars 17		Total,	20
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			8
Baptisms—Infants 11, adults 1,		Total,	12
Confirmations,			5
Funerals,			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 75 00		
Amount expended for Church Building, Lot, &c.	1,500 00		$1,575 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,			30 00
Total Expenditures,			$1,605 00

REMARKS.—The Church here is progressing slowly, but steadily; it has however, meet with a severe loss in the death of the Senior Warden, Col. JNO. D. HOKE; but, "he being dead, yet speaketh"; and HE who took him away, can bless his death, to the good of the Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WHISTLER, MOBILE COUNTY,

Rev. JAMES DAVISON GIBSON, Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, not known, died 1		Present No. about,	42
Sunday School—Teachers 9, scholars 96,		Total,	105
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, 3, private, 2		Total,	5
Baptisms—Adults 7, infants 9,		Total,	16
Confirmations,			19
Marriages,			1
Funerals,			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report, nearly three.			
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$ 165 00		
Convention Fund,	25 00		
Current Expenses,	20 00		
Repairs,	75 00		
Furnishing Rector's Study,	40 00	$	325 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,			11 85
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions,			16 35
Total Expenditures,			$353 20

REMARKS.—I sincerly believe that this Parish is increasing in all the elements of permanent prosperity; may the Great Head of the Church strengthen and sustain him to whom has been given its charge. To Kushla, six miles distant, I have given two services, and propose continuing them semi-monthly.

GADSDEN, May 10th, 1873.

Reverend Father in God: With your approval, and by the persuasion of friends competent to advise, I have devoted the Diocesan Year just past to an effort to recover my health. My general health has been, I believe, entirely restored, and the ailment in my throat is very much better.

I find very few Church people in this part of the State. Very few of the native inhabitants have ever witnessed our Service, or even seen a copy of the Prayer Book. But since the building of the Alabama and Chattanooga, and the South and North Railroads, there has been considerable immigration into this section from the Southern counties of this State, and also, from other States, and quite a number of Churchmen have come in.

At Gadsden there are three Communicants; at Centre, one; at Springville, two or three. There are two candidates for Confirmation, at Gadsden. Since the last Convention, I have baptized eight children, and officiated at five funerals. W. J. PERDUE.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM—Rev. P. A. FITTS, Rector.

May 12th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 15, died 1, removed 1,.....Present No.			52
Baptized persons not Communicants,.....			62
Total Parishioners,.....			114
Sunday School—Teachers 8, scholars 32,.....Total,			40
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,.....			1
Baptisms,.....			10
Confirmations—These took place in St. John's Church, Elyton.			
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,.....$	678 50		
Current Expenses,.....	20 00		
To Build and Furnish Chapel,.....	969 00		
For Sunday School,.....	14 07—$	1,681 57	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....		15 65	
Total Expenditures,.....		$1,697 22	

REMARKS.—Four hundred dollars was contributed by St. John's Church, Montgomery, to the building of our Chapel—costing in its present state, twelve hundred dollars.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE—Rev. R. A. COBBS, Rector.

May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 25, died 1, removed 1,.....Present No.			27
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,.....			6
Baptisms—Adults,.....			2
Confirmations,.....			4
Funerals,.....			2
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,.....$	75 00		
Repairs,.....	75 00—$	150 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,.....		19 40	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions.....		21 95	
Total Expenditures,.....		$191 35	

REMARKS.—This Report commences from August 20th, 1872, when the present Rector took charge, with the agreement to officiate two Sundays in each month. Circumstances not favoring the organization of a Sunday School at present, the children are catechised by the Rector. Though this is yet a day of small things with us, we are hopeful.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.
May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 17, removed 1,		Present No. 21
Baptized persons not Communicants,		12
Total Parishioners,		33
Sunday School—Teachers 4, scholars 12,		Total, 16
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		3
Baptisms,		4
Confirmations,		5
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$ 120 00	
Convention Fund,	12 50	
Current Expenses,	25 00—$	157 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		50 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		5 00
Total Expenditures,		$212 50

Remarks.—There is a strong probabilty of building a Church here, by fall. The people are waking up to Church life, and the mission is prospering as much as I could hope for.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, SEALE—Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.
May 14th, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 25, died 1, removed 3,		Present No, 26
Baptized persons not Communicants,		30
Total Parishioners,		56
Sunday School—Teachers 6, scholars 22,		Total, 28
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 4, private 2,		Total, 6
Baptisms,		6
Confirmations,		6
Funerals,		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector and House Rent,	$ 220 00	
Convention Fund,	12 50	
Current Expenses,	25 00—$	257 50
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		25 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		7 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,		1 60
Total Expenditures,		$291 60

Remarks.—This Mission is flourishing beyond my expectations, and I hope to have a neat little Church there, by fall.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR, ALA.
May, 1873.

Communicants—In 1872, 16, removed 4,	Present No. 26
Baptized persons not Communicants,	13
Total Parishioners,	39

Sunday School—Teachers 3, scholars 15,		Total, 18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms,		14
Confirmations,		9
Marriages,		1
Funerals,		1
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$ 22 00	
Repairs,	25 00—	$ 47 00

REMARKS.—We have been without a Rector for the past year, except three visits from Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON, and two from Rev. Mr. WALLACE; we have paid Rev. Mr. ROBERTSON, for his three visits, $30 00; and Rev. Mr. WALLACE, his expenses. Among our Communicants there are but eight who pay the expenses of the Church.

H. E. WILLARD, Lay Reader.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund beg leave to submit the following Report:

The Florida and Alabama Railroad was sold on the 5th of August, 1872, under a decree of the United States Court at Pensacola.

Col. RICHARD L. CAMPBELL, of that city, was the Attorney of the undersigned, and had charge of the Bonds of the Company belonging to this trust. He made a compromise by which he received Six Thousand Dollars of the Capital Stock in the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company, in lieu of the Bonds of the old Company for Five Thousand Dollars.

His fee of Six Hundred Dollars was paid in this Stock, and a certificate for Five Thousand and Four Hundred Dollars of Stock was issued to the Trustees, which is now held by them. Col. CAMPBELL regards this as a very favorable settlement, and thinks the Stock will be worth par in two years from last August.

The undersigned hope that he may be correct in this opinion.

The money collected by the Treasurer since the last Convention has been invested, as shown by his report, in Bonds of the City of Selma, at 75 per cent., and in loans secured by mortgage on real estate.

It will be seen that the present value of the Funds invested amounts to $15,932, being an increase of nearly $2,000 since our last report. This does not include the Stock in the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company or the uncollected notes belonging to the original Fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON,
A. G. MABRY,
GEO. O. BAKER.

SELMA, ALA., May 14th, 1873.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with BISHOP'S FUND.

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1872.				
May	10.—To balance on hand,	$ 358 95		
..	15.— .. Interest on note of T. A. Harrison,	16 00—	$ 374 95	
Sept.	1.— .. .. on Bonds of City of Selma Gas Light Company, Nos. 2, 3, 12, 13, 31, 32, 36, 37, ($20 each,).		160 00	
1873.				
Jan.	1.— .. Interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson,	400 00		
March	1.— .. .. on Selma Gas Light Co. Bonds,	160 00		
May	10.— .. .. on note of St. John's Church, Montgomery,	400 00		
..	12.— .. .. on note of Chas. T. Pollard,	20 00		
..	.. — .. .. on note of P. T. Sayre,	8 00—	$ 988 00	
..	13.— .. Balance brought down,		40 85	
			$1,563 80	

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1872.		
May	17.—By Cash on Bonds of Selma and M. Railroad Company, from New York,	$ 33 80
..	.. —By amount loaned Samuel Edwards, secured by mortgage on Real Estate,	400 00
1873.		
Jan.	1.—By Cash paid for two Bonds of City of Selma, Nos. 52 and 53, dated 1st January, 1872, payable 1st January, 1887, with semi-annual interest at 8 per cent. $500 each,	750 00
May	9.—By Cash paid for one Bond City of Selma, as above, $500,	375 00
		$1,563 80

N. H. R. DAWSON, Treasurer.

SELMA, May 14th, 1872.

APPENDIX D.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 14, 1873.

H. FITTS, *Treasurer*,

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

72.	*To Amount from—*	*DR.*
y 17.—	T. B. Roy, former Treasurer,	$ 869 80
.. —	A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	13 70
23.—	S. U. Smith, Rector, St. Mark's Church, Greene Co.,	86 00
24.—	J. J. Sewell. Treas., St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	2 50
y 22.—	Rev. G. H. Hunt, Talladega Mission,	6 25
27.—	J. A. Ellerbe, Treas., St. David's Church, Dallas Co.,	12 50
30.—	W. R. DeLoach, Treas., St. James' Parish, Livingston,	13 75
g. 7.—	Theo. Lacy, Treas., Church of the Nativity,	112 50
10.—	J. F. Smith, Rector, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	13 75
.. —	Jno. W. DuBose, Treas., St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	81 25
19.—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,	12 50
27.—	Barnes, Micou & Co., St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	15 00
30.—	J. H. Fitts, Treas., Christ Church, Tuscaloosa,	55 00
pt. 26.—	Rev. J. F. Smith, Montevallo Mission,	10 00
28.—	J. H. Hine, Athens Mission,	13 10
t. 31.—	Theo. Lacy, Cash'r, Church of the Nativity,	112 50
v. 5.—	A. Benners, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	26 50
. 8.—	A. R. Bell, Treas., St. John's Church, Montgomery,	175 00
. 11.—	J. H. Hine, Athens Mission,	6 25
. .. —	A. K. Hall, Treas., Grace Church, Portland,	12 11
. 13.—	W. A. Bradfield, Tr., Church Holy Cross, Uniontown,	20 00
. 15.—	Henry Barnewall, Treas., Christ Church, Mobile,	120 00
. 18.—	W. H. Micou, St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	15 00
. .. —	Bray & Bros., St. James' Church, Eufaula,	80 00
. 29.—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	12 50
c. 3.—	Benj. Reynolds, Jr., Tr., St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	25 00
. .. —	W. R. DeLoach, Treas., St. James' Parish, Livingston,	13 75
. 7.—	Henry Barnewall, Treas., Christ Church, Mobile,	100 00
1873.		
n. 10.—	A. K. Hall, Treas., Grace Church, Portland,	7 80
. .. —	E. N. C. Snow, Treas., Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	55 00
. 27.—	J. J. Sewell, Treas., St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	27 50
. 30.—	A. R. Bell, Treas., St. John's Church, Montgomery,	175 00
b. 7.—	Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	13 75
. .. —	Rev. J. F. Smith, Talladega Mission,	6 25
. 12.—	Theo. Lacy, Treas., Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	112 50
. 25.—	D. F. Prout, Treas., Trinity Church, Demopolis,	175 00
. .. —	H. Barnewall, Treas., Christ Church, Mobile,	440 00
. 27.—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	25 00
	To amount carried forward,	$2,974 01

		To amount brought forward,	$2,974 01
Feb.	27—	A. Benners, Treas., St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	30 00
..	28.—	Rev. S. U. Smith, St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	46 50
M'ch	5.—	Ellis Phelan, Jr., Treas., St. John's Church, Elyton,	5 00
	17.—	J. J. Sewell, Treas., St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	27 50
..	27.—	A. K. Hall, Treas., Grace Church, Portland,	6 35
..	29.—	R. N. Harris, Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	44 25
April	12.—	Jno. W. DuBose, Treas., St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	25 00
..	14.—	A. R. Bell, Treas., St. John's Church, Montgomery,	125 00
..	19.—	A. Benners, Treas., St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	56 00
..	22.—	W. S. Bird, Treas., St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	50 00
..	23.—	N. H. R. Dawson, Treas., St. Paul's Church, Selma,	300 00
..	26.—	Theo. Lacy, Tr., Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	112 50
May	3.—	J. H. Hine, Athens Mission,	12 50
..	6.—	E. N. C. Snow, Treas., Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	110 00
..	9.—	Ellis Phelan, Treas., St. John's Church, Elyton,	13 00
..	14.—	Ellis Phelan, Treas., St. John's Church, Elyton,	7 00
..	..—	Rev. F. R. Hanson, St. Andrew's Church, Macon,	85 00
..	..—	Henry Barnewall, Treas., Christ Church, Mobile,	220 00
..	..—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	25 50
..	..—	Rev. DeB. Waddell, Scale's Station Mission,	25 00
..	..—	A. Girard, Treas., St. John's Church, Mobile,	275 00
..	..—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	25 00
..	..—	W. R. DeLoach, Treas., St. James' Church, Livingston,	27 50
..	..—	Rev. Jas. D. Gibson, St. Paul's Church, Whistler	25 00
..	..—	Rev. J. H. Stringfellow, St. Matthew's Ch., Autaugaville,	25 00
..	..—	A. R. Bell, Treas., St. John's Church, Montgomery,	225 00
..	..—	A. Benners, Treas., St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	58 00
..	..—	Rev. B. F. Mower, St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	30 00
..	..—	Rev. T. G. Pond, St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	5 00
..	..—	F. T. Copp, Treas., Trinity Church, Mobile,	605 00
		Balanced,	$5,600 61

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1872. *By Amount paid—*

May	27.—	Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary, Convention 1872,	$ 50 00
..	30.—	Premium on Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer's Policy, $3,400,	129 25
July	22.—	Envelopes and Notices on Quarterly Dues,	1 45
Aug.	14.—	Salary of Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, 1870 and 1871,	1,070 50
Oct.	30.—	Envelopes and Stamps on Quarterly Notices,	1 45
Nov.	8.—	Printing Journal of Annual Convention,	261 20
..	23.—	Nathan Mathews, Treas., General Convention,	64 00
Dec.	17.—	Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on account of Salary,	350 00
1873.			
Feb.	12.—	Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on account of Salary,	400 00
..	14.—	Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on account of Salary,	440 00
..	25.—	Exchange on N.Y., Check remitted by D. F. Prout,	88
..	27.—	On Letter down the Alabama River, by A. K. Hall,	25
April	1.—	Remitted Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on account of Salary,	300 00
..	..—	Sexton St. John's, Montgomery, by order of Convention,	10 00
May	14.—	Bishop Wilmer, on Salary, '72–'73,	750 00
..	..—	R. H. Cobbs, Annuity of Mrs. Cobbs,	500 00
		By Balance in hands of Treasurer, (carried over),	1,271 63
		Balanced,	$5,600 61

1873.—May 14.—To Balance in hands of Treasurer, ... 1,271 63

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS,
14th May, 1873.

* Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	$ 12 50
† St. Paul's, Church, Decatur,	41 50
Guntersville Mission,	75 00
Grace Church, Portland,	28 74
Grace Church, Clayton,	25 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	110 00
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,	75 00
Madison Station,	82 75
Montevallo Mission,	34 75
* St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	25 00
St. Mark's Church, Prattville,	25 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,	156 55
* St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, ($107 50 remitted),	157 50
* St. James' Church, Eufaula,	85 00
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	127 60
St. Luke's Church, Cahaba,	25 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	50 00
St. David's Church, Dallas County,	37 50
St. Paul's Church, Whistler,	43 75
St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County,	75 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	70 00
St. Alban's Church, Gainesville,	82 50
* St. Paul's Church, Selma,	100 00
* St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	29 50
St. John's Church, Elyton,	30 00
‡ St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	101 50
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	50 00
* St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	27 50
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	40 00
Trinity Church, Florence,	172 50
* Talladega Mission,	12 50
Total Arrearages,	$2,009 14

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from 9th May, 1872, to 14th May, 1873,		$5,600 61
Disbursements during same period,	$4,328 98	
May 14, 1873.—Cash on hand,	1,271 63	
	$5,600 61	$5,600 61

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	$1,271 63
Arrearages,	2,009 14
	$3,280 77

LIABILITIES.

To Balance of Bishop's Salary, 1872–'73,	$1,760 00

E. & O. E.

J. H. FITTS,

MOBILE, 14th May, 1873. Treasurer Diocese of Alabama.

* Paid in full during Convention, after Account was closed.
† Paid during Convention, after Account was closed, $22.
‡ Paid during Convention, after Account was closed, $96 25.

APPENDIX E.

Account of Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary

JOSEPH W. FIELD, *Treasurer*,

In Account with DIOCESAN MISSIONS OF ALA

DR.

1872.

May 1.—To Balance,.....$

St. James' Church, Livingston,.....

St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,.....

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,.....

St. John's Church, Montgomery,.....

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,.....

Christ Church, Mobile,.....

Trinity Church, Mobile,.....

St. John's Church, Mobile,.....

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,.....

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,.....

St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,.....

Emmanuel Church, Opelika, ...

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,.....

Trinity Church, Florence,.....

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',.....

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....

St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,.....

St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville,.....

St. Paul's Church, Selma,.....

St. David's Church, Dallas County,.....

St. Andrew's Church, Macon,.....

St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,.....

Grace Church, Portland,.....

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',.....

Grace Church, County Line,.....

Trinity Church, Demopolis,.....

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,.....

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,.....

Talladega Mission,.....

St. Wilfrid's Parish,.....

Union Springs,.....

St. James' Church, Eufaula, ...

St. Paul's Church, Whistler.....

Scale's Station,.....

$3,

CR.

1872.			
May	11.—	By Bishop Wilmer's Draft in favor of R. A. Cobbs,.....	$ 50 00
..	13.—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. DeB. Waddell,....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. T. L. Banister,....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	100 00
..	28.—	.. .. F. B. Lee,.....	194 95
June	11.—	.. .. for Books and Tracts,.....	18 20
..	..—	.. .. in favor of J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
..	29.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
July	2.—	.. .. T. G. Pond,.....	50 00
..	3.—	.. .. P. A. Fitts,.....	50 00
..	6.—	.. .. R. A. Cobbs,.....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. T. G. Pond,.....	50 00
..	13.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
..	15.—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,.....	50 00
..	16.—	.. .. T. L. Banister,....	50 00
..	22.—	.. .. for Increase of Ministry,.....	83 87
Aug.	5.—	.. .. in favor of J. H. Ticknor,....	50 00
Sept.	3.—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,....	55 00
Oct.	30.—	.. .. J. M. Robertson,...	75 00
Nov.	18.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
Dec.	13.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	50 00
..	14.—	.. .. T. G. Pond,.....	50 00
..	16.—	.. .. DeB. Waddell,....	150 00
..	27.—	.. .. R. A. Cobbs.....	50 00
1873.			
Jan.	4.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	100 00
..	9.—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,... .	45 00
..	23.—	.. .. Wm. Brittain, ...	25 00
Feb.	3.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	100 00
..	25.—	.. .. J. D. Gibson,.....	50 00
Mch.	8.—	.. .. Wm. Brittain,....	75 00
..	20.—	.. .. F. B. Lee,.....	50 00
..	..—	.. .. T. G. Pond,.....	50 00
April	7.—	.. .. J. F. Smith,.....	58 50
..	9.—	.. .. J. F. Smith.....	33 50
..	..—	.. .. for Books and Tracts,.....	50 00
..	16.—	.. .. in favor of J. M. Robertson,...	35 30
..	..—	.. .. DeB. Waddell,....	65 00
May	2.—	.. . . DeB. Waddell,....	35 00
..	..—	.. .. R. A. Cobbs,.... .	50 00
..	..—	.. .. B. F. Mower,.....	14 05
..	..—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,.....	17 15
..	5.—	.. .. J. H. Ticknor,....	75 00
..	12.—	.. .. T. G. Pond,.....	50 00
		By Balance,.....	708 11
			$3,313 63

JOSEPH W. FIELD,
Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Society.

MOBILE, May 14th, 1873.

APPENDIX F.

Committee on proposed Amendments to Constitution, &c.

[MAJORITY REPORT.]

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Special Committee appointed by the last Convention to consider th proposition "so to amend the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese as t render the concurrent consent of Bishop, Clergy and Laity necessary to legi lation," beg leave to report as follows:

They do not consider it necessary or expedient to occupy the time of th Convention with any attempt to set forth even an outline of the history ecclesiastical legislation in the past. The machinery for such legislation h varied—as perhaps it ought to vary—very widely at different periods, in diffe ent countries, and under different circumstances. General, national, pr vincial, and diocesan councils or synods, the protective and executive fun tions of absolute sovereigns, and the powers exercised by parliamentary bodi under constitutional governments, have exhibited the respective influences Clergy and Laity over the fortunes of the Church in forms and phases whi it would be the work of a life-time to analyse.

The American Church—as is evident both from internal and from amp collateral evidence,—in its organization, has looked beyond intermediate pr cedents, and has taken as its model the very first legislative body of whi there is any record in the Church, and which consisted of "apostles and elde and brethren." In imitation of that inspired model, we require for gener legislation, the concurrent consent of the Bishops, the representatives of t Clergy, and the representatives of the Laity of the various dioceses. Th principle is clearly and impressively exhibited to the whole Church on t very title-pages of the Standards of our worship, the Prayer Book and Hy nal, where we find imprinted the authority of "the Bishops, the Clergy, and t Laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church."

A remarkable deviation from this principle appears, however, in the orga zation of most of our Diocesan Conventions. The action of these bodies quires the consent of the Clergy, (exclusive of the Bishop,) and of the Lai but not that of the Episcopal Order. The Bishop presides, it is true, by v tue of his office, but he presides with only the powers and functions of t Moderator of a Presbyterian Synod, or the President of a voluntary society in some instances with even less. In our own Diocese, for example, he is expre ly forbidden to take part in debate. It does not appear, from our Consti tion and Canons, that he is entitled, under any circumstances, even to a vo If he actually does vote in any case—as in case of a "tie"—it is only by suff ance of the Convention, and in imitation of the usage of secular deliberati bodies, and this can occur only in questions of so inferior a degree of imp tance and interest as not to call for a decision by orders and parishes. Th we present the singular anomaly of having a distinct *order* in the Church the highest order—that order from which our branch of the Church h

chosen to take its distinctive official title—bound by legislation in which it has no voice or representation whatever! The Bishop is in his Diocese the sole representative of his order—an order essential, not merely to the well-being, but to the being, of the Church; and yet the Bishop sits in the Council of his Diocese, not merely without the voice of the other orders, but without even that of the youngest presbyter, or the laymen who may chance to represent a nominal parish! The Presbyter who presides, in his place, in the absence of a Bishop, may vote, but the Bishop himself may not!

This extraordinary feature in the Constitution of our Diocesan Councils originated, no doubt, in the application of false analogies derived from political and secular affairs. In this age, and especially in this Country, the accepted thing is, that all offices are created by the people, who are the source and fountain of authority; and that the officer is subordinate to, and dependent upon, the people, considered in their collective capacity. In particular, the presiding officer of a deliberative body is merely the organ for expressing or executing the will of the body. Not so, however, in the Church. Built, as it is, "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST himself being the chief corner-stone," all authority in the Church rests upon that foundation. It is not derived from popular will, but from the will of the Divine Founder, who entrusted it to the Apostles and their successors, and through these to the body at large. In a system based upon principles so diametrically the reverse of those prevailing in human institutions, analogies derived from civil and political organizations must necessarily be fallacious. No elaborate argument can be needed to impress this truth upon the mind of any well instructed Churchman.

Of kindred origin is the error—against which your Committee desire emphatically to protest—of confounding the principle under consideration with that of the *Veto*. The Veto, as universally understood, is not the exercise of concurrent authority by one of the constituent parts of the Legislature; it is the application of a check or restraint upon legislation, by some authority from *without*—external to the legislature. In the aristocratic Roman Republic, legislative authority being confined exclusively to the patrician order, the veto was devised as a check upon that authority in the interest of the people, or plebeian order. It was exercised by the Tribunes—not as members of the legislative body—for they were originally not permitted even to pass within the doors of the Senate—but as the representatives of a distinct and separate power, altogether external to the legislature.

So, in all modern instances of the veto, whether exercised by Sovereign, President, Governor, or Chief Magistrate of a city—whether absolute, qualified, or merely suspensive, in its effect. In every instance it proceeds from some *external* source, and operates upon the completed action of the Legislature proper. In the language of the late venerable Bishop of Vermont, defending the Constitution of his Diocese from misrepresentations, "The phrase, 'Episcopal Veto' is grossly improper, and gives a false view of the whole question. Every man of common sense and information must know that *veto* (according to the very meaning of the word) signifies the power by which some functionary—as a King, a President, or the Mayor of a city—*forbids* an act previously adopted by a Parliament, or a Congress, or a corporation of Aldermen. The King does not sit with either house of Parliament, nor the President with either house of Congress, nor the Mayor with the City Corporation and the action of the Parliament, or the Congress, or the Corporation, must be perfect and entire in itself, before the King, or the President, or the Mayor, can be asked for his consent, or can announce his formal disapprobation. Such is properly the *Veto* power."

Again to quote further from the same distinguished authority, still speaking in reference to the Convention of his own Diocese: "The Bishop presides, not as chairman, nor as moderator, but as the chief and indispensable head of the assembly, by virtue of his apostolic function. Along with him are the Clergy,

and the Laity elected by the several parishes. All the proper constituents of the Church are present, under CHRIST, the Supreme Bishop of souls. And, when they proceed to act, they must act in unity, because the Bishop, the Clergy, and the Laity are all *distinct and important parts of the same body*, and therefore, must *concur*, or nothing can be done. * * * * There is no more veto power in the Bishop, than in the Clergy and the Laity, and hence the manifest result is that there is *no veto power at all*. The whole resolves itself into the simple principle of Church unity. We are *one body in Christ;* and therefore, when we act, we must act together."

With these views of Bishop HOPKINS, your Committee fully concur. Holding, as we all hold—that the Episcopate is a distinct order in the Church—the very highest order—an order of direct Divine institution—an order that may not be merged in, or blended with, either of the others—your Committee cannot but hold that this order should have a co-ordinate and that at least an equal share, in all Church legislation, whether diocesan, provincial, or general. Nor does it matter whether the order exists in the person of one man, or in the persons of two, or of forty. The principle, if true and valid in one case, is true and valid in all. To us it seems manifestly unjust, unreasonable, and contrary to the principles on which the Church is founded, that the Episcopate, the original depositary and trustee of all authority Divinely given to the Church, should in any case be excluded from participation, on at least equal terms—and the only equality possible, must be equality as an order—in legislation affecting the principles, as well as the interests of the Church.

It remains only to notice, very briefly, the chief objections that have been made to the conclusions attained by your Committee.

1. It has been argued that the incorporation of the principle under consideration into our Diocesan system, might invalidate all the past legislation of the Diocese, effected before the recognition of the principle. To your Committee it is simply matter of marvel that such a suggestion should have been seriously presented. The original proposition was, that inquiry should be made (*ipssissimis verbis*) "into the propriety of *so amending* the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese *as to require* the concurrent consent," &c. By what authority would such amendment be made? Of course, by that of the Convention, as at present constituted. How, then, could any amendment possibly invalidate the prior action of the very authority upon which the amendment would depend for its own validity?

If organic amendments of any system of government, civil or ecclesiastical, could work so extraordinary a rectospective effect, then would any change in a State Constitution—an extension of suffrage, for example—unsettle all previous legislation and create a civil and political chaos. Or—to take an illustration perhaps yet more pertinent—the repudiation by the Anglican Church, at the time of the Reformation, of Papal usurpations and medieval innovations, would have invalidated the authority of the Church during the prevalence of those usurpations and innovations, vitiated the orders of her Clergy, and destroyed the continuity of the Apostolic Succession. "To state such results" is, in the words of the objector, "a *reductio ad absurdum*" of the objection.

2. But it is futher argued that the recognition of the right of the Episcopate to a co-ordinate share in legislation, would be investing the Bishop with a power dangerous to the rights of the Clergy and Laity. "Power," it is said, "is always tenacious, and nearly always avaricious." But, we ask, is power likely to be less tenacious, or less avaricious, in the hands of one order than in those of another? May it not be that this avarice and this tenacity of power are more aptly illustrated by two of the constituent elements of the Church, in acquiring and retaining exclusive powers in legislation, than they would be by restoring to the third element its just rights to equal participation?

But what safeguard of the rights of Clergy or Laity could be impaired by a recognition of the concurrent authority of the Episcopate in legislation?

It is not proposed to confer upon the Bishop the power to *control*, in the slightest particular, the independent action of either Clergy or Laity. He could do absolutely nothing, in legislation, without the consent of both. The effect of the proposed amendment would be only conservative; it could not be aggressive.

3. But it is further urged that, in the ancient Church, Provincial Courts and Synods afforded "a safeguard against Episcopal injustice, usurpation, or maladministration," which does not exist at present. Therefore—if your Committee rightly understand the argument—it is contended, or intimated, that what would otherwise be the just and rightful authority of the Bishop in his own Diocese ought to be proportionally abridged or restricted, as an offset to the defect specified.

This objection, very strangely, seems to forget the fact—or to ignore the pertinence of the fact—that the primitive Courts and Synods referred to were composed exclusively of Bishops—the very order of whose inordinate power such apprehensions are entertained by the objectors! The absence of Provincial organization may be a defect in the Church as at present constituted, or it may not. The judicial system of the Church may be imperfect, or it may not. Your Committee do not find it necessary to express an opinion upon either question, for they do not consider them pertinent to the subject. They are beyond the limits of Diocesan control. If defects or errors, they are not corrected by the perpetuation of defects or errors *within* our control. It is proverbial that "two wrongs do not make a right." Still less can a wrong for which we are not responsible justify a wrong for which we *are* responsible.

Your Committee deprecate the very basis of the brief discussion, which has been forced upon them by the last two objections. The Church is not a system of checks and balances, devised for the mutual protection of its members, or its constituent parts, against apprehended aggressions or encroachments upon each other's rights. In the opinion of your Committee, this is not the light in which such questions should be viewed. Unity, harmony, mutual confidence and faith in the Divine promises to the Church, are essential to its healthy action and growth. The protection of our own rights against infringement, if a duty at all, is the lowest of the duties incumbent upon the various orders of the Church when they meet in council. "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others," is an Apostolic precept, which seems especially pertinent to the councils of the Church. The paramount, if not the sole, consideration should be, whether a proposition is *right* or *wrong*. Believing the proposition entrusted to them to be clearly right, your Committee are constrained to recommend its adoption.

Before concluding this Report, it may be proper briefly to notice an alternative suggestion, which has been, or may be, made. This is the suggestion of conferring upon the Episcopacy a partial, or fractional share of that legislative authority exercised by the other orders—or what is commonly termed a "qualified veto." This might perhaps be better than the present system, but it is based upon a theory which has already been shown to be false, or inapplicable to the case. Your Committee utterly repudiate the theory of a *veto* in any form. The "qualified veto" might be a device worthy of consideration, if the Episcopate were an external authority, and not a constituent element of the Church in its integrity, but it would not accord with the principles which your Committee have, as they believe, shown to be the true principles involved in this question. They cannot, therefore, recommend the recognition of any other than a concurrent, co-ordinate, and equal share in legislation on the part of the Episcopate.

Your Committee would, therefore, respectfully recommend the following amendments of the Constituton:

1. Amend Article III, by inserting, in the first sentence, after the words "composed of," the words "Bishop, (if there be a Bishop,) or Bishop and Assistant Bishop, (if there be an Assistant)."

2. Amend Article V, by striking out the whole of the third sentence, and substituting the words "The Bishop" for the word "He" at the beginning of the fourth.

3. Amend Article VIII, by inserting, after the word "decisive," the following words: "if approved by the Bishop. Provided, that joint resolutions, elections, and motions to adjourn shall not require the approval of the Bishop, to give them validity."

In case of approval of the above amendments by the Convention, your Committee would further recommend that the Committee on Canons be instructed to report the amendments of the Canons necessary to make them conform therewith.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. A. MASSEY,
W. T. WALTHALL.

[MINORITY REPORT.]

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The undersigned, a member of the Special Committee appointed at the Convention of 1872, to consider the proposition to so amend the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese, as to render the concurrent consent of the Bishop, Clergy and Laity necessary in order to any legislation of the Convention, not being able to agree with the majority of the Committee, respectfully presents this, his minority report:

The Convention system of the Church, which is peculiar to this country, he understands to have for its object chiefly the regulation of Church government, the provision for Church needs, and, generally, the advancement of the Church's weal in the respective Dioceses; while the General Convention is the Great Council which declares the Church's doctrines, establishes her forms of worship, and secures by its action that uniformity of religious belief and habit throughout the land, which is the strength and ornament of the Church. It is in this great Council that each Bishop stands among his peers as a member of the highest and most revered *Order* of the Church, an Order whose sanction is eminently necessary to all action of that body, in the deliberations of which the representatives of the other two Orders, the Clergy and the Laity, also participate.

But the writer hereof cannot assent to the theory that when the Bishop returns to his Diocese he still remains in himself an *Order* whose single dissent may properly defeat the wishes of the entire body of the Clergy and Laity in matters not essentially spiritual. He cannot discover that any such "concurrent consent" has ever been accorded to a Bishop, in his single person, in ancient times, or in the history of the Anglican Communion (with the exceptions hereinafter named): nor does he find that any corresponding authority is, or has ever been, possessed by any of the English Bishops.

It is true that this rule has obtained for many years in the Diocese of Vermont, and that it has recently been adopted in the Dioceses of Albany, Florida and Arkansas. In all other Dioceses of the United States, including our own, the Bishop is left without any voice whatever in Diocesan legislation; which could hardly have remained so long the case if the Bishop's *right* of "concurrent consent" were as plain as is contended.*

In view of this state of the matter, and of the importance of the subject, and in deference also to the opinion of the majority of the Committee, whose views seem not founded in expediency but in a firm conviction of inherent right, and feeling, moreover, some hesitancy in putting forward a recommendation that may be thought an innovation upon long established usage, and partaking somewhat of secularity, the writer suggests that this Diocese shall bring this subject to the attention of the next General Convention for its consideration and recommendation.

Nevertheless, the writer is persuaded that it is neither wise nor just that the Bishop, chosen for his learning, his wisdom and his piety, to be our chief, should be left thus powerless in his own Diocese, and he is prepared to recommend a change in respect to the Bishop's status in the Diocesan Convention.

If, therefore, the Convention shall not deem it advisable to refer the subject to the General Convention as herein before suggested, the writer hereof recommends that the Bishop be clothed with a limited control over Diocesan legislation, similar to that which is exercised by the secular rulers in this country; and to that end recommends that the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese be altered so as to provide that the Bishop may, at any time before adjournment, express his disapproval of any action of the Convention (except elections and amendments to the Constitution), and the subject matter of such action, shall, by such disapproval, be defeated, but thereby referred to the next succeeding Convention; and if it then receive the votes of two-thirds of the Convention, it shall be adopted without the assent of the Bishop.

And that the Constitution be so altered as to provide that amendments thereto shall be proposed as now provided; but at the final voting thereon it shall be necessary, in order to the adoption of such amendment, that it shall receive either the vote of a majority of the Clergy and Laity, voting separately, and the approval of the Bishop, or the votes of two-thirds of the Clergy and Laity, voting separately, without the concurrence of the Bishop.

The writer believes that these changes would be just to the Bishop and beneficial to the Diocese.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

STEPHENS CROOM.

*NOTE.—Since this report was prepared the writer learns that in the Diocese of Kentucky the Bishop has a qualified control over legislation, and that in the Diocese of New Jersey the Bishop decides all questions of order without appeal.

APPENDIX G.

[OFFICIAL.]

Diocese of Alabama,

MAY 20th, 1873.

To the Clergy of the Diocese of Alabama:

REV. AND DEAR BRETHREN—In pursuance of the provisions of Canon 5, Title II, (see Canon on Convocations,) I make, for the present, the distribution of Convocation Districts, and the appointment of Heads thereof, as follows, viz:

1ST. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2D. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun and Talladega.

3D. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

Rev. F. R. HANSON, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Sumter and Choctaw.

4TH. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

Upon receipt of the above announcement, the Deans will proceed to call together their respective Convocations, in order to take such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the "*Canon on Convocations.*"

Given under my hand the day and year above mentioned.

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

APPENDIX H.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

To the Secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.

SIR:—In compliance with the requirements of Article IX. of the Constitution of the Church, I hereby officially make known, through you, to the Diocesan Convention of Alabama, the following proposed changes in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, recommended by the General Convention of 1871, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1874, to wit:

I. It was, by concurrent action (*vide* Journal of Conv. 1871, pp. 160, 161, 340, 357) of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1871,

Resolved, That Article IV. of the Constitution be amended by omitting the last seven words, viz.: "by any Church destitute of a Bishop," and substituting the words, "in another Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof," so that the Article shall read as follows:

ARTICLE IV.

The Bishop or Bishops in every Diocese shall be chosen agreeably to such rules as shall be fixed by the Convention of that Diocese; and every Bishop of this Church shall confine the exercise of his Episcopal Office to his proper Diocese, unless requested to ordain or confirm, or perform any other act of the Episcopal Office in another Diocese by the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof.

II. The following resolution was adopted by the House of Deputies of said General Convention (*vide* Journal, p. 201), and information of the adoption thereof was duly transmitted to the House of Bishops (*vide* Journal, pp. 360, 381), and the said House of Bishops having failed to signify to the Convention their approbation or disapprobation within three days after the said resolution had been reported to them for concurrence—agreeably to Article III. of the Constitution—the said proposed act has "the operation of a law," to wit:

Resolved, That it be recommended and proposed that the following alteration be made in Article V. of the Constitution, to wit: Insert at the end of the Article the words:

"The General Convention may, upon application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due Episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such Diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine."

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name,

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,
Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GENEVA, N. Y., January 1, 1873.

APPENDIX I.

Registrar's Report.

To the Forty-second Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

Since my last report, I have received for safe keeping, the following papers:

TITLE DEEDS.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', Lowndes County.
St. Paul's Church (Rectory), Lowndesboro', Lowndes County.
St. John's Church, Elyton, Jefferson County.
St. John's Church in the Wilderness, Russell County.
St. Michael's Church, Faunsdale, Marengo County.
Emmanuel Church, Opelika, Lee County.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

Grace Church, Clayton, Barbour County.
Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Jefferson County.
Church of the Redeemer, Seale, Russell County.
Trinity Church, Union Springs, Bullock County.
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, Lowndes County.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Episcopal Sentences of Consecration—

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.
Trinity Church, Demopolis.
St. John's Church, Elyton.

Declaration of Incorporation of St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

I would respectfully call the attention of the Clergy of the Diocese to the importance of having the titles to Church property perfected, in accordance with section 2, of Canon III.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. MACARTNEY,
Registrar

MOBILE, May 17th, 1873.

[Form of Parochial Report.]

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

.....CHURCH,.....

.....1874.

COMMUNICANTS—In 1873, ; Added ; Died ; Removed ;
Present Number.....

BAPTIZED PERSONS NOT COMMUNICANTS .....

TOTAL PARISHIONERS.....

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Teachers ; Scholars ;..... Total

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION—Public ; Private ; Total

BAPTISMS,.....

CONFIRMATIONS,.....

MARRIAGES,.....

FUNERALS, ...

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,.....

	ITEMS.	TOTALS.
PAROCHIAL EXPENDITURES—		
Salary of Rector.....		
Convention Fund.....		
Current Expenses.....		
Repairs.....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE PARISH—		
Communion Alms.....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS IN THE DIOCESE—		
Church Home.....		
Diocesan Missions.....		
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CHARITIES AND BENEFACTIONS BEYOND THE DIOCESE—		
Domestic Missions.....		
Foreign Missions.....		
University of the South.....		
Increase of the Ministry.....		
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OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR CHURCH PURPOSES,.....		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES,.....		

REMARKS.

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RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
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" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,	Mobile.
" *LOUIS BISSEY,	———
gone of *WILLIAM BRITTAIN, St. Thomas' Church,	Greenville.
" J. J. CLEMENS, St. Paul's Church,	Selma.
" R. A. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,	Lowndesboro.
" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,	Greensboro.
" *T. A. COOK,	Talladega.
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church,	Eufaula.
" *PHILIP A. FITTS, Church of the Advent,	Birmingham.
" JOHN FULTON, D. D., Christ Church,	Mobile.
Deceased *J. D. GIBSON, (under suspension)	Mobile.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,	Tuskaloosa.
" *JOHN R. JOYNER, St. Paul's Church,	Decatur.
" *F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,	Carlowville.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" B. F. MOWER, St. Mary's Church,	Tallassee.
" *W. J. PERDUE, Evangelist,	Gadsden.
one of T. G. POND, St. Wilfrid's Church,	Marion. gone
" *J. M. ROBERTSON, Evangelist,	Huntsville.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church,	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Evangelist,	Talladega,
" *W. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's, Marengo Co.,	Faunsdale.
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" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church,	Opelika.
" DEBERNIERE WADDELL, Church of the Redeemer,	Seale.

DEACONS.

" CHARLES E. CABANISS, assisting at Church of the Nativity,	Huntsville.
" *W. JAMES LEMON, assisting at Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" *SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D.	Montgomery.
" *JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW, asst. at Trinity Church	New Orleans.
" *PETER WAGER, officiating at Tuscumbia and	Florence.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Candidates for Priest's Orders.

REV. JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW.

REV. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D. REV. WILLIAM J. LEMON.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

EDWARD L. STICKNEY. JAMES A. VAN HOOSE.

DANIEL F. HOKE. M. R. JARVIS.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
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J. W. CLAY, Huntsville.
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W. Y. TITCOMB, Evergreen.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro'.
ELLIS PHELAN, Birmingham.
W. J. MILNER, Birmingham.
PAUL JONES, Athens.
H. E. WILLARD, Decatur.
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" GEO. H. HUNT, ... Tuskaloosa Convocation.
" R. H. COBBS, ... Selma Convocation.
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" R. A. COBBS, ... Montgomery Convocation.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., ... Mobile Convocation.
" T. J. BEARD, ... Mobile Convocation.

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Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D. Rev. F. W. DAMUS.

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" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.
" R. H. COBBS.

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON,
" W. H. BRAY,
" J. H. FITTS,
" F. B. CLARK.

Alternates, in their order.

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" R. A. COBBS,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" J. J. CLEMENS.

Mr. R. W. WALKER,
" JOEL WHITE,
" W. T. WALTHALL,
" T. J. JUDGE.

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" DAVID BUEL.

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" W. H. BRAY,
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" C. L. STICKNEY,
" R. H. SOMERVILLE,

Messrs. W. T. WALTHALL,
" R. MOORE,
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD,
" T. G. POND.

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Rev. DeB. WADDELL, Mr. J. J. HARRIS.

Committee on Bishop Cobbs' Monument.

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Mobile, Ala.

Convocations,

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1874.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

REV. R. H. COBBS, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

NOT YET ORGANIZED.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile—

ROBERT S. BUNKER,
F. B. CLARK,
T. S. FRY,
*STEPHENS CROOM.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—

JOHN J. HARRIS,
JAS. H. FITTS.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—

WM. BERG,
J. C. NORRIS,
R. M. NELSON,
*N. H. R. DAWSON,
*GEO. M. CHAPMAN.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—

*GEO. P. BEIRNE,
*R. E. COXE,
*A. L. GREEN,
*C. C. CLAY.

St. James' Church, Eufaula—

W. H. BRAY,
JAS. ROSS,
J. M. MACON,
W. A. HANCOCK,
H. R. SHORTER.

Trinity Church, Mobile—

*W. G. JONES,
*F. T. COPP,
RITTENHOUSE MOORE,
*C. A. LATHROP,
*M. E. MACARTNEY.

Grace Church, Clayton—

H. D. CLAYTON.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

JAMES BOND,
W. T. WALTHALL.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'—

H. H. WHETSTONE,
*C. J. ENGLISH,
*W. B. HALL,
*E. P. HOLCOMBE,
*CLARENCE DOUGLASS.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

C. L. STICKNEY,
*A. S. JEFFRIES,
*T. B. RANDOLPH,
*A. STOLLENWERCK,
*A. BENNERS.

Trinity Church, Union Springs—

*H. C. TOMPKINS,
C. B. KELLER,
J. M. GOODWIN.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—

DAVID BUEL,
*A. F. POSEY,
*T. J. JUDGE.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—

*C. T. POLLARD,
JOEL WHITE,
B. L. WYMAN,
ROBERT TYLER,
R. H. SOMERVILLE.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika—

S. G. JONES,
*R. C. JETER,
*E. C. BOWEN.

Those marked thus [*] were not in attendance.

Journal of Proceedings.

ty-third Annual Convention of the Protestant Episrch in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in St. urch, Eufaula, on the 13th day of May, 1874.

'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Dr. Rev. Dr. TICKNOR and Rev. DeB. WADDELL. The nunion Service by the Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., the Diocese; the Epistle being read by the Rev. Dr. The Sermon was preached by the Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, xt: St. Mark, chapter 16th, verse 15th:

into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

nmunion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop ese.

vention then retired to the Masonic Hall, where it was rder by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, who the following:

f Clergy entitled to seats in the Convention of 1874.

RIGHT REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

ANISTER, D. D.	Rev. B. F. MOWER,
EARD,	" W. J. PERDUE,
AM BRITTAIN,	" T. G. POND,
EMENS,	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
OBBS,	" S. U. SMITH,
OBBS,	" J. F. SMITH,
DAMUS,	" W. A. STICKNEY,
AVIS,	" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
A. FITTS,	" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
ULTON, D. D.	" DEB. WADDELL,
. HUNT,	" W. JAMES LEMON,
. JOYNER,	" SAML. E. NORTON, M. D.
EE,	" JAS. H. STRINGFELLOW,
ASSEY, D. D.	" PETER WAGER.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the roll of the Clergy as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. T. J. BEARD,
" J. J. CLEMENS,	" R. A. COBBS,
" R. H. COBBS,	" J. C. DAVIS,
" JOHN FULTON, D. D.	" GEO. H. HUNT,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" B. F. MOWER,
" T. G. POND,	" J. F. SMITH,
", J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.	" DEB. WADDELL.

Total present, the Bishop and fourteen Presbyters.

The Treasurer of the Convention, in compliance with the Canon, presented the following list of Parishes entitled to Lay Representation:

Christ Church, Mobile,	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,
St. John's Church, Mobile,	Trinity Church, Mobile,
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	St. Paul's Church, Selma.

The list of Parishes so entitled was then called, and the credentials of Lay Deputies were laid upon the Secretary's table. The credentials were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. TICKNOR, HUNT and CLEMENS.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following Lay Deputies were entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

Robert S. Bunker,		Thomas S. Fry,
F. B. Clark,		Stephens Croom.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

John J. Harris,		Jas. H. Fitts.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson,		R. M. Nelson,
William Berg,	J. C. Norris,	Geo. M. Chapman.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

Geo. P. Beirne,		R. E. Coxe,
C. C. Clay,		A. L. Green.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray,		H. R. Shorter,
J. M. Macon,	Jas. Ross,	W. A. Hancock.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

W. G. Jones, Rittenhouse Moore,
C. A. Lathrop, F. T. Copp, M. E. Macartney.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika.

S. G. Jones, R. C. Jeter, E. C. Bowen.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, W. T. Walthall.

St Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

H. H. Whetstone, Clarence Douglass,
E. P. Holcombe, W. B. Hall, C. J. English.

Their names being called, the following Lay Deputies were found to be present:

Messrs. F. B. CLARK, Messrs. THOS. S. FRY, Messrs. JOHN J. HARRIS,
JAMES H. FITTS, WM. BERG, J. C. NORRIS,
R. M. NELSON, W. H. BRAY, W. A. HANCOCK,
H. R. SHORTER, JAMES ROSS, J. M. MACON,
JAMES BOND, H. H. WHETSTONE.

Total 14, representing 6 Parishes.

A quorum of both orders being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS was nominated and elected Secretary, who appointed Rev. T. G. POND, Assistant.

On motion the Rules of Order of last Convention were amended by striking out Section 10 and inserting "reading of the reports of the Deans of the several Convocations." And the amended rules were adopted for the government of this Convention.

An application for admission into union with this Convention was made by St. Peter's Church, Talladega, through Rev. J. F. SMITH, and on motion referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. B. F. MOWER, Rev. DEB. WADDELL, and WM. BERG.

The Committee presented the following report:

We, the Committee to whom was referred the application of St. Peter's Church, Talladega, for admission into union with the Convention, having before us the Articles of Association, signed by sundry members of that Parish, and evidence of their being duly signed, recommend that said Parish be admitted into union with the Convention.

Signed, B. F. MOWER,
DeB. WADDELL,
WM. BERG.

The report was received and the recommendation concurred in.

On motion the appointment of Standing Committees by the President was postponed until Thursday morning at the opening of Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that the dues from such Parishes as desire representation in this Convention, but are prevented by the operation of the Canon, be specially remitted and the Delegates permitted to take their seats.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that any Candidates for Holy Orders who are, or may be present, be invited to take seats in this Convention.

Notice was given by Mr. BOND, in open Convention, that tomorrow an amendment will be offered to Canon II of Title III, "Of the trial of a Clergyman." A similar notice was given by Rev. Mr. CLEMENS, of a proposed alteration of Canon VII, Title I, "Of the Vestry."

Mr. CABANISS, Candidate for Holy Orders, reported himself to the Secretary and took his seat.

On motion the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow, (Thursday.)

SECOND DAY.

EUFAULA, ALA., May 14th, 1874.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D. of the Clergy, and Messrs. BUNKER, WALTHALL and MOORE, of the Laity, appeared and took their seats in Convention. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Certificates of election of Lay Deputies were presented by St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', Trinity Church, Union Springs, St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and St. John's Church, Montgomery, and referred to the Committee on Credentials, who reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats in Convention:

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries, T. B. Randolph, A. Stollenwerck, A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Union Springs—H. C. Tompkins, C. B. Keller, J. M. Goodwin.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—David Buel, A. F. Posey, T. J. Judge.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—C. T. Pollard, Joel White, B. L. Wyman, Robert Tyler, R. H. Somerville.

Their names being called, the following Deputies appeared and took their seats.

Messrs. STICKNEY, BUEL, KELLER, WHITE, WYMAN, TYLER and SOMERVILLE.

The Bishop then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church—Rev. R. A. Cobbs, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, D. D., Rev. B. F. Mower, Rev. J. F. Smith and Rev. J. C. Davis, and Messrs. R. S. Bunker, Joel White, Wm. Berg and H. H. Whetstone.

Committee on Canons—Rev. Messrs. John Fulton, D. D., J. M. Banister, D. D., Geo. H .Hunt and J. J. Clemens, and Messrs. James Bond, F. B. Clark, H. R. Shorter and David Buel.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, T. S. Fry, W. H. Bray, Jas. H. Fitts, C. L. Stickney, R. H. Somerville, W. T. Walthall and R. Moore, and Rev. Messrs. J. A. Massey, D. D., H. Stringfellow, D. D., T. J. Beard and T. G. Pond.

Committee on Unfinished Business—Rev. DeB. Waddell and Mr. J. J. Harris.

The Rev. T. J. BEARD read the Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese respectfully submit the following as the report of their acts for the year:

They have recommended as Candidate for Holy Orders, MOSES R. JARVIS, of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

For admission to the Order of Deacons, WILLIAM J. LEMON and CHARLES E. CABANISS.

They have given consent to the election of an Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi; to the Consecration of Rev. BENJ. H. PADDOCK, D. D., as Bishop of Massachusetts; of Rev. JOHN F. SPAULDING, as Missionary Bishop of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico; and of Rev. THEODORE B. LYMAN, D. D., as the Assistant Bishop of North Carolina.

Signed, THOS. J. BEARD,
Secretary.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read a portion of his Annual Address. [Appendix A.] At 10½ o'clock the Convention adjourned to St. James' Church, to hear the concluding portion of the Address and to engage in Divine Service; this day being Ascension Day. After Service, the Convention resumed its session in the Masonic Hall. On motion, that part of the Bish-

op's Address which referred to the death of Rev. STUART HAMILTON, L. L. D. was referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Dr. TICKNOR, Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, and Mr. JAS. H. FITTS.

On motion, the Rules of Order were suspended, and Reports of Deans of Convocations postponed until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being next in order, the Bishop appointed as Tellers, Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. BUEL. The ballots having been counted, the following Standing Committee of the Diocese was declared duly elected:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.,	Messrs. W. G. JONES,
Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D.,	F. B. CLARK,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	JAMES BOND.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that the Bishop be affectionately requested to issue so much of his Annual Address to this Convention as relates to the revision of the Prayer Book, and other kindred subjects, in the form of a Pastoral Letter.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that after to-day, the sessions of this Convention shall extend from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, the election of Delegates to the General Convention was postponed until to-morrow (Friday) at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Report which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance. The Report of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, were presented, and received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rev. Dr. MASSEY gave notice, in open Convention, of a proposed amendment to Canon IV, Title I, "Of the Diocesan Printer."

By unanimous consent, Mr. BOND presented a draft of a new Canon relating to the trial of a Clergyman, which was referred at once to the Committee on Canons.

Two Resolutions in regard to the Bishop's Fund, were introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, it was

Resolved, that a Committee of three be appointed to consider that portion of the Bishop's Address which referred to Church Property in Cahaba.

Rev. J. J. CLEMENS, Mr. S. G. JONES, and Mr. NELSON, were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock, A. M., tomorrow (Friday.)

THIRD DAY.

EUFAULA, ALA., May 15th, 1874.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the Bishop, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present; the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Mr. GOODWIN appeared and took his seat in Convention. A certificate of election of Lay Deputies, was presented from Grace Church, Clayton, and reported in due form; and H. D. CLAYTON, a Deputy from that Parish appeared and took his seat.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention being next in order, the Rev. J. J. CLEMENS and Mr. C. L. STICKNEY were appointed Tellers, and the Convention proceeded to ballot for said Deputies. On motion, it was

Resolved, To vote first for Clerical Deputies.

The Convention then, voting by Orders, selected the following Clerical Deputies to the General Convention:

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D. Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D. Rev. R. H. COBBS.

And as Alternates:

Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Rev. R. A. COBBS,
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. J. J. CLEMENS.

Rev. R. A. COBBS and Mr. R. M. NELSON were appointed Tellers to receive and count the votes for Lay Deputies. The Convention then, voting by Orders, elected the following Lay Deputies to the General Convention:

Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, Messrs. W. H. BRAY,
J. H. FITTS, F. B. CLARK.

And as Alternates:

Messrs. R. W. WALKER, Messrs. JOEL WHITE,
W. T. WALTHALL, T. J. JUDGE.

Permission was given the Committee on Canons to set apart from Convention. Communications from St. James' Church, Eufaula, St. Paul's Church, Greensboro' and St. John's Church, Montgomery, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Convention took a recess of twenty minutes. After the expiration of this time, it resumed its session and Reports were made by the Deans of the several Convocations.

The Committee on Canons, through Mr. BOND, presented the following substitute for Title III, Canons I and II:

Title III.

CANON I.

OF THE TRIAL OF A CLERGYMAN NOT BEING A BISHOP.

Whenever any Minister of this Diocese, not being a Bishop thereof, shall become "liable to presentment and trial" under the provisions of any Canon of the General or Diocesan Conventions, the mode of proceeding in this Diocese shall be as follows, viz :

§1. The trial shall be on a presentment in writing, addressed to the Bishop of the Diocese, specifying the offense of which the accused is alleged to be guilty, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances. Such presentment may be made by the major part in number of the members of the Vestry of any Church of which the accused is a Minister, or by any three Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in the Convention, or as hereinafter mentioned. Whenever from public rumor or otherwise, the Bishop shall have reason to believe that any Clergyman is under the imputation of having been guilty of any offense or misconduct, for which he is liable to be tried, and that the interests of the Church require an investigation, or upon the written request of the party himself, it shall be his duty to appoint three persons, of whom two at least shall be Presbyters, to examine the case; a majority of whom may make such examination; and, if there is in their opinion sufficient ground for presentment, shall present the Clergyman accordingly.

§2. A presentment being made in any one of the modes above prescribed, the Bishop, if the facts charged shall not appear to him to be such as constitute an offense, may dismiss it: or if it allege facts some of which do, and some do not constitute an offense, he may allow it in part and dismiss the residue, or he may permit it to be amended; and he shall in all cases, take care that the presentment shall set forth a substantial offense, upon which a verdict and final judgment can be pronounced, as hereinafter provided. When it shall be allowed in whole or in part, the Bishop shall cause a copy of it to be served on the accused; and shall also nominate eight Presbyters of this Diocese entitled to seats in Convention, and not being parties to the presentment, and cause a list of their names to be served on the accused, who shall within thirty days after such service select three of them and notify their names in writing to the Bishop. And if he fail to do so, the Bishop shall select three, and the Presbyters so selected shall form a Board for the trial of the accused, and shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop may direct, and shall have power to adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, (within the Diocese) as they shall think necessary. *Provided*, that in case the Bishop should be the party against whom the offense is charged to have been committed, or is himself a necessary and material witness in the case, the Clerical members of the Standing Committee shall at the instance of the Bishop perform the duty above prescribed for the Bishop. *Provided further*, that the Bishop may in case of necessity change the time and place of the assembling of the court, giving thirty days notice of such change to the accused.

§3. If a clergyman shall, at any time before the commencement of the trial, confess the facts charged in the presentment, the Bishop shall, with the consent and approval of the Clerical members of the Standing Committee, proceed to pass sentence; otherwise he shall be considered as denying them.

§4. A written notice of the time and place of their first meeting shall be served on the accused at least thirty days before such meeting, or at an earlier day, by consent of both parties; and if practicable, a like notice on one or more of those making the presentment.

§5. If at the time appointed for the first meeting of the Board the whole number of three do not attend, those present may adjourn from time to time; and if it appear at that time or later, improbable that the whole number will attend within a reasonable time, then such as may be present shall nominate five Presbyters from whom the accused, or if he fails or neglects, then the Bishop, shall select one or more necessary to fill up the Board, and the trial shall proceed; and a majority of the Board shall decide all questions.

§6. If a Clergyman presented shall confess the truth of the facts alleged in the presentment, and shall not demur thereto, it shall be the duty of the Court to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence which should be pronounced; and if he do not confess, then he shall be considered as denying them. The Board shall, during the progress of the trial, and without delay, permit the presentment to be amended in matters of form and as to facts not materially changing the charges. Amendments in matters of substance, may also be allowed if justice to the accused or the interests of the Church so require, but upon such conditions as will prevent surprise and will secure a full and fair investigation and trial.

§7. If a Clergyman presented, after having had due notice, shall not appear before the Board of Presbyters appointed for his trial, the Board may, nevertheless, proceed as if he were present, unless for good cause they shall see fit to adjourn till another day.

§8. When the Board proceed to trial they shall hear such relevant and competent evidence as shall be produced, which shall be reduced to writing and subscribed by the witnesses respectively. At the request of either party the witnesses shall be sworn by an officer of the law authorized to do so, that they will testify the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, as to the facts charged in the presentment. If on or during the trial the accused shall confess the truth of the charges, as stated in the presentment, the Board may dispense with hearing further evidence, and may proceed at once to state their opinion to the Bishop as to the sentence that ought to be pronounced.

§9. Upon the application of either party to the Bishop, or to the Court after its organization, and it being made satisfactorily to appear that any material witness cannot be procured on the trial, the Bishop or the Court may appoint a Commissioner to take the testimony of such witness, and shall prescribe what notice shall be given to the other party of the time and place of taking such testimony. Both parties may attend and examine the witness, and the questions and answers shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness, and shall be certified by the Commissioner and en-

closed under his seal, and transmitted to the Board, and shall be received by them as evidence. The witness so examined shall be sworn according to law.

§10. The Board having deliberately considered the evidence, shall declare in a writing signed by them, or a majority of them, their decision on the charges contained in the presentment, distinctly stating whether the accused is guilty or not guilty of such charges respectively, and also stating the sentence which in their opinion ought to be pronounced; and a copy of such decision shall be without delay communicated to the accused; and the original decision, together with the evidence, shall be delivered to the Bishop, who shall pronounce such Canonical sentence as shall appear to him to be proper, provided, the same shall not exceed in severity the sentence recommended by the Board, and such sentence shall be final. But the Bishop, if he shall be satisfied that justice requires it, may grant a new trial to the accused, in which case a new Board of Presbyters shall be appointed, the proceedings before whom shall be conducted as before mentioned. Before pronouncing any sentence, the Bishop shall summon the accused and any three or more of the Clergy, to meet him at such time as may in his opinion be most convenient, in some Church to be designated by him, which shall for that purpose be open to all persons who may choose to attend, and the sentence shall be then and there pronounced by the Bishop. *Provided*, however, that if the accused be convicted of an error in Doctrine, or non-conformity to the rubrics of the Book of Common Prayer, and if the accused at such public assembly at such Church, shall then and there, in writing, renounce the error of which he has been convicted, or avow his purpose of future conformity to the rubrics, and shall submit to the judgment of the Church pronounced in his case, then for a first offence, the sentence shall not exceed in severity that of admonition.

§11. All notices and papers contemplated in this Canon may be served by a summoner or summoners to be appointed by the Bishop or the Court, and whose certificate of service shall be evidence thereof. In case of service by any other person it shall be proved by his affidavit thereof. A written notice or paper delivered to a party, or left at his residence, shall be deemed a sufficient service thereof.

§12. Counsel shall be allowed on either side, provided they are Communicants of the Church.

§13. If any Communicant of the Church shall be summoned as a witness before the Court of Inquiry, or the Board for the trial of the accused, and shall without sufficient excuse neglect or refuse to attend, or shall refuse to testify or to be sworn or affirmed, such person shall be deemed guilty of a violation of Godly discipline.

§14. All matters of government and discipline and proceedings connected therewith, not specially provided for by Canon, are within the authority and jurisdiction of the Bishop by virtue of his office.

§15. The expenses necessarily incurred in any investigation or trial, under this Canon, including those of the accused when found innocent, shall be audited and settled under the direction of the Court, and shall be reported by them to the next Convention for payment, as the Convention may direct.

§16. That Title III, Canons I and II be and the same are hereby repealed.

This Report was on motion received; the separate Sections were voted on *seriatim*, and the Convention, voting by Orders as provided by the Constitution, then adopted the Canon as a whole.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Canon VII of Title I, entitled "Of the Vestry," being defective, and it being desirable to define the duties and privileges of Vestrymen and Wardens, therefore, said Canon VII of Title I be referred to the Committee on Canons, with request to report to the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay Rev. R. H. COBBS fifty dollars, for services as Secretary at the last session of the Convention, and the same amount for services at the present Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be directed to pay to the members of the Ecclesiastical Court, the amount of expense incurred by their attendance upon the trial of Rev. JAS. D. GIBSON.

The Committee on Finance, through their Chairman, made the following Report which, on motion, was received and the Resolutions adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

IN REGARD TO REPORT OF TRUSTEES AND TREASURER OF BISHOP'S FUND.

The Committee on Finance have carefully examined the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, and the report of the Treasurer of said Fund.

The Report of the Trustees announces the decease of a faithful member of their body, Dr. A. G. MABRY; and the duty of filling the vacancy occasioned by his death will devolve upon this Convention.

The Treasurer's Report shows receipts, being interest collected for past year, (including balance at date of last Report) of $915 40, and reinvestment of $750 in a bond of the city of Selma, at 75 per cent., leaving balance of $165 40; all of which we find correct.

The Committee have carefully considered the Resolutions introduced by Rev. R. A. COBBS and referred to it; which are as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund be instructed to pay over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, as fast at it may come into his hands, all the interest accruing from investments belonging to the Bishop's Fund.

2. *Resolved*, That the money paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese be applied by him to paying the assessments of the several Parishes, in proportion to the amount contributed by each Parish to the Fund from which said income is derived.

3. *Resolved*, That the Finance Committee be instructed to consider and report upon the expediency and practicability of selling the stock of the Pensacola and Louisville R. R. Co. belonging to the Episcopal Fund and reinvesting the proceeds.

As well as the Committee can ascertain from an examination of the

reports which are accessible to them, the Assets of the Bishop's Fund are as follows:

Amount Invested in Bonds of the City of Selma,		$ 2,500 00
" " " " " Gas Co. of City of Selma,		4,000 00
" " " Note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, $5000		
Interest to be added,	400—	5,400 00
" " " Note of N. H. R. Dawson,		5,000 00
" " " " " Samuel Edwards,		400 00
" " " " " T. A. Harrison,		200 00
" " " " " Chas. T. Pollard,		250 00
" " " " " P. T. Sayre,		100 00
Total,		$17,850 00

The interest on this amount is, as at present invested, $1,424 00.

It further appears that there is also in the hands of the Trustees, a Certificate of Stock in the Pensacola and Louisville Rail Road Company, for $5,400 00, and some Notes belonging to the original Fund, which have never been collected.

In view of the many difficulties which have occured to the Committee in carrying out the provisions of the (1) first and (2) second Resolutions, it cannot recommend their adoption; but would recommend in lieu thereof the following:

Resolved, That the interest on hand and amount collected from and after the 14th day of May by the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese for the credit of the Convention Fund until otherwise ordered.

In the absence of all information as to the value of the Stock mentioned in the 3rd Resolution, the Committee are unable to express an opinion as to whether it would be expedient or practicable to sell the same, but are unanimously of opinion that the disposition of this Stock should be left entirely with the Trustees of this Fund.

Signed, R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

The Report of the Treasurer of Diocesan Missions was presented, and received, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that they find the following business referred by the last to this Convention:

1st. A Resolution to this effect:

That a Standing Committee to be called the Committee on the Preparation of Business, be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be during the interval between Conventions, to receive suggestions touching the interest of the Diocese, and to prepare new Business to be introduced in Convention.

2d. A Resolution to this effect:

That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending Title I, Canon I, §2, as to require each Parish to elect one

Lay Delegate who shall act as Delegate to the Convention for the term of at least three years.

3d. A majority and minority report.

Signed, DEB. WADDELL,
J. J. HARRIS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the consideration of the subject presented by the majority report be made the order of the day on Saturday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, WM. BERG and T. B. ROY, were elected Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M.

EUFAULA, ALA., May 15th—7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on the State of the Church made, through their Chairman, the following report which, on motion, was received:

The "Committee on the State of the Church" respectfully report that they have compiled from the Parochial Reports, and herewith present, a Statistical Summary, which furnishes as accurate a view of the present state of the Church in this Diocese as can well be gathered.

From this it may be seen that, notwithstanding the severe pressure of the times which has proved such a great hindrance to all Church work, the course of the Church has been decidedly onward; and, in a moral point of view, the outlook has seldom, if ever, been more cheering. And if the mutual determination to stand by, and sustain each other, which the events of the last twelve months seem to have generated between the Clergy and their people, can only be maintained for the future, the effect upon the welfare of the Church cannot be otherwise than most happy.

It is a source of unspeakable gratification that the obligations of the Diocese to the Bishop have been so nearly met, and that the contributions to Diocesan Missions, though far below the emergencies of the situation, have yet materially aided the Bishop in maintaining services at the various Missionary points, and in the weaker Parishes.

As evidences of a decided advance in material respects, which has been secured during the past year, we would refer to the fact that the large and elegant new Church in Selma, has been brought very near to completion—that a handsome stone Church is well under way in Opelika—that the title has been secured to the lot on which the Church in Tuscumbia stands—that a lot has been purchased for a Church at Madison Station, Madison County—and that a good building which can be readily altered into a Church is about

to be secured at Union Springs. A valuable property has also been obtained in Tuskaloosa as a Rectory, which likewise furnishes accommodations for one of the Parish Schools.

The Committee find great satisfaction in reporting the highly encouraging success which has attended the efforts of the Rector and Vestry of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, to establish Parish Schools—an instrumentality for good, the value of which cannot well be estimated.

We cannot close our report without testifying our sense of the severe loss which the Diocese has sustained in the deaths of the three Clergymen, and influential Laymen who have been taken from us during the past year, and our hearty concurrence in the just and feeling tributes paid to their memories by the Bishop.

On behalf of the Committee,

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay to the Sexton of St. James' Church, the sum of Eight Dollars.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

The following were elected Trustees of the University of the South, for Alabama:

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. JOEL WHITE.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next session of this Convention be held on the last Wednesday in May, 1875, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

Mr. JAMES H. FITTS was elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

Mr. A. R. BELL was elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for Alabama.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees and Treasurer of the University of the South, for Alabama, be requested to report to the next Convention all matters of interest connected with that institution.

The Committee on Finance, through their Chairman, made the following Reports:

REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF TREASURER OF DIOCESAN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Finance have examined and audited the Accounts of STEPHENS CROOM, as Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, and find the same, with the accompanying vouchers, correct.

From his accounts it appears Mr. CROOM has received from all sources during the year, the sum of Twenty Seven Hundred and Eighty Five Dollars and eighty-four cents, and that he has properly expended on account of Diocesan Missions the sum of Twenty Six Hundred and Twenty Seven Dollars

and twenty-six cents, leaving a balance in his hands in cash of One Hundred and Fifty Eight Dollars and fifty-eight cents.

All of which is respectfnlly submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.

Report was received and concurred in.

REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

The Committee on Finance have examined and audited the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocese and found the same correct, with the necessary vouchers for all funds expended.

The total amount received from all sources is		$ 6,673 51
And expenditures as follows:		
Cash paid balance due on Bishop's Salary for 1872 and 1873,	$ 1,760 00	
Cash to Mrs. Cobbs,	500 00	
" for Printing and Stationery,	377 90	
" Paid for New York Exchange,	1 00	
" Paid Prem. on Policy of Bishop,	129 25	
" Paid on Bishop's Salary for 1873 and 1874	3,300 00	$ 6,068 15
Cash in hands of Treasurer		$ 605 36
Amount of Bishop's Salary for 1873 and 1874,		$ 4,500 00
Cash paid as above		3,300 00
Balance due Bishop		$ 1,200 00

They recommend the report be received, and the thanks of the Convention be extended to the Treasurer for his fidelity to the trust imposed.

In consideration of the general stringency in money matters, the fatal epidemic which visited portions of our State, and the total annihilation of some Parishes, we would recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to credit the following sums to the Parishes as named:

St. David's, Dallas County,	$ 87 50
St. Alban's, Gainesville,	82 50
St. John's, Montgomery,	470 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	120 00
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	16 50
Madison Station,	82 75
St. John's Church, Elyton,	70 00
Mission, County Line,	39 44
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	30 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	50 00
Athens Mission	12 50
Trinity Church, Florence,	222 50
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	177 60
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	25 00
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	75 00
St. Peter's, Lowndes County,	75 00
Guntersville Mission,	75 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	100 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	75 00

St. Paul's, Carlowville,	$ 26 25
St. Paul's, Whistler,	40 00
St. Wilfrid's, Marion	50 00

Some of these assessments do not appear in the proceedings of last year, yet are still on the books of the Treasurer. Some of the amounts include two or three years. We think that with a new start some of the weak Parishes would be encouraged to greater efforts in the future.

R. M. NELSON,
Chairman of Committee.

Report was received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance report that they have carefully considered the wants of the Diocese for the ensuing year, ending with next Convention, and the ways and means of meeting the same.

They recommend that the Bishop's salary be fixed at Forty Five Hundred Dollars, ($4,500,) to be paid quarterly, if practicable. In this connection the Committee would respectfully call the attention of the Convention to the operation of the rule adopted at the last Convention, requiring quarterly payment from the Parishes of their Diocesan assessment. The Committee are surprised at the small benefit derived to the Treasurer of the Diocese by the aid so attempted to be given. In very few instances were the quarterly installments paid promptly as the several assessments became due, and in most cases, when, after default, sight drafts were drawn upon the proper Parochial Officer by the Treasurer, as ordered by you, not even an acknowledgment was made of the demand so made.

The Committee recommend that the same rule be adopted for the ensuing year as during the last, and that the Parishes be urged to meet their assessments as they become due each quarter, as without prompt payment it will be utterly impossible to meet the demands upon the Diocesan Fund.

The Committee further recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay the sum of Thirty Dollars to the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., and Fifteen Dollars to the Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., for expenses incurred by them as members of the Ecclesiastical Court on the trial of the Rev. J. D. GIBSON.

The Committee also recommend that the Treasurer be directed to pay the annual premium on the Bishop's Life Insurance Policy of Five Thousand Dollars, in the Piedmont and Arlington Company, and that he also pay to Mrs. L. H. L. COBBS her customary annuity of Five Hundred Dollars.

The assessments for Diocesan purposes is appended hereto. In their work the Committee were embarrassed by the impossibility of adopting any fixed rule upon which to make the assessment, and submit this as the most equitable they could make, after a patient and careful consideration of all the circumstances presented.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON,
Chairman of Committee.

ASSESSMENT—1874.

St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill,	$ 25 00
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County,	100 00
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	82 50
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	65 00
Grace Church Parish, Portland,	40 00
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur,	35 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,	25 00
Church of the Redeemer, Seale,	20 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	60 00
St. John's Parish, Mobile,	250 00
St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	780 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	55 00
St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro',	150 00
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro',	40 00
St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	135 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talladega,	50 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	40 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	50 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	25 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	20 00
St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	400 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	50 00
Christ Church Parish, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	25 00
Emmanuel Parish, Opelika,	45 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	40 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	20 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	40 00
St. Mathew's Parish, Autaugaville,	20 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	500 00
Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	150 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	80 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	780 00
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	500 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	25 00
Athens Mission,	20 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	40 00
Trinity Parish, Florence,	40 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County,	25 00
Grace Church Parish, Clayton,	20 00
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,	10 00
Total	$5,122 00

Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to devote a separate page of the Journal of this Convention as a memorial of each of the Clergy who have died during the past year, giving thereon their names, with date of birth, ordination and death, and such appropriate texts of Scripture as he may select.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. F. B. CLARK, of Christ Church, Mobile, Mr. C. L. STICKNEY, St. Paul's Church, Greens-

boro', Mr. JAMES BOND, St. John's Church, Mobile, Mr. BUEL, of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and Mr. H. H. WHETSTONE, of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning (Saturday.)

FOURTH DAY.

EUFAULA, May 16th, 1874.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the Bishop, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present. The minutes were read and amended, and, as amended, were approved.

The Special Committee in regard to Church property in Cahaba made the following report, which was received and concurred in:

The Committee on the Church property at Cahaba, report that they deem it most expedient that, so far as they can ascertain, it had best be placed entirely at the disposal of the Bishop of the Diocese as abandoned property.

Signed, J. J. CLEMENS,
R. M. NELSON,
S. G. JONES.

On motion of Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, seconded by Rev. Dr. FULTON, it was

Resolved, That the Deputies to the next General Convention be requested to present to that Body the following Memorial:

To the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church:

The Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, in Convention assembled, respectfully petition your Body to take such measures, as in your wisdom may seem proper, towards securing *for use in Divine Worship* an English version of the Creed commonly called the Nicene, as conformable as may be to the original text.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on the Bishop Cobbs Monument be instructed to proceed at once to the erection of such Monument, with the funds now on hand.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered the Baptist Congregation of Eufaula, for the kind offer of the use of their Church; also to the Masonic Lodge, the Cleburne and Phœnix Fire Companies, the Young Men's Literary Club, and to Messrs. Wood and Raney, for courtesies extended, and to the Citizens generally, for the hospitalities which they have so generously bestowed upon its Delegates.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to withdraw the Receipts for the Annual Premiums upon the Life Policy of Bishop R. H. WILMER, which have been surrendered as vouchers, and transmit the same, with the Policy, to the Registrar of the Diocese for safe keeping.

The order of the day having arrived, permission was asked by the Committee to withdraw the Resolutions appended to the Majority Report which was presented to the last Convention, but on motion, it was

Resolved, That the consideration of this subject be postponed to the next Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the plan recommended by the Committee on Parochial Funds, and adopted by the last Convention, be re-enacted by this Convention, and that the report of that Committee found on page 20 of the last Journal, be printed in the Journal of this Convention.

After some discussion upon the subject of Diocesan Missions, it was, on motion,

Resolved, As the sense of this Convention, that at least one fourth of the Offertories ought to be devoted to Diocesan Missions, except in Churches which are wholly supported by the Offertory.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint visits to be made to the principal Parishes by our Diocesan Missionaries; expenses to be paid from Diocesan Mission Funds.

Resolved, That the Bishop be invited, at his discretion, to use the Offertories, during his visitations, for Diocesan Missions.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to have printed for distribution 500 copies of the Journal.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock, P. M.

EUFAULA, May 16th, 1874—9½ o'clock, P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes were read and approved. After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned "*sine die.*"

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Bishop Wilmer's Annual Address

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity

of the Diocese of Alabama:

I greet you in the name of the LORD. By GOD's good providence we have been spared to meet once more in Convention, and I proceed to fulfil the duty which now devolves upon me, of giving an account of my official work for the year just closed.

1873.—May 14th.—Met the Convention of the Diocese in Trinity Church, Mobile, and, after a sermon by the Rev. B. F. MOWER, celebrated Holy Communion. This and the three succeeding days, were spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

During the Convention attended the funeral of the lamented Mrs. MASSEY.

May 18th.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—In Trinity Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, I admitted Deacon, DAVID STUART HAMILTON, LL.D. The Examiners, who gave the required certificate, were the Rev. Messrs. R. A. COBBS and GEO. H. HUNT, and the candidate was presented by the Rev. R. A. COBBS. Since writing the foregoing, I have received the painful intelligence of Dr. HAMILTON's decease. I give here an extract from a letter of the Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, announcing his death. In all the kind appreciation which he expresses of our departed brother, I cordially unite. I had long looked to Dr. HAMILTON to become one of our chief educators, for which his training and temperament peculiarly fitted him. Mr. HUNT writes:

"We feel that his death is a great loss to us, and I think it will be so regarded throughout this community, for he was eminently a faithful, devoted and efficient teacher; ever ready to do every thing in his power for the Church, and to aid me at any time, and to the utmost of his strength; but his greatest loss will be to his helpless family, to whom he was every thing. To them it is a crushing blow indeed, which has taken away their head, and they will need all the sympathies and prayers which are being so freely offered in their behalf."

At evening service of same day, after a sermon before the Widows and Orphans' Society by the Reverend PHILIP A. FITTS, I addressed the congregation, and took leave of the Clergy and Laity in attendance.

May 24th.—At evening service, preached at St. James' Church, Livingston.

May 25th.—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—At early morning prayers at same Church, baptized 2 adults ; at mid-day service, preached and celebrated Holy Communion ; at afternoon service, baptized an infant, and addressed the children of the congregation ; and at night preached again, and confirmed 3 persons.

May 27th.—Preached at St. Mark's, Fork of Greene, and confirmed 4 persons.

May 28th.—At St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', after a sermon by the REV. J. J. CLEMENS, confirmed 10 persons.

May 29th—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', and confirmed 1 person. At this service I renewedly consecrated to the service of GOD this House of Worship, and celebrated Holy Communion. The Church edifice had been so greatly enlarged and beautified, that I deemed it proper to devote it anew to Divine Worship ; adopting such changes of phraseology in the Order for Consecration, as properly recognized its first consecration. It was most gratifying to me to participate in this solemn ceremonial, and to witness the growth and extension of the Church in the midst of much general change and decay.

May 30th.—Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw, morning and evening ; confirming 5 persons.

It was during this visitation that I saw for the last time, my old and valued friend, Judge W. F. PIERCE, for many years a member of this body. More than ordinarily instructed as a Churchman, he ever labored to maintain the interests of the Church, and to the close of his life was ever found her trusty champion. It is very sad to think that our valued laymen are, one by one, passing from our midst, and that we shall see no more their faces at our annual gatherings. May GOD graciously raise up men to take their places, and carry on the work which they have so auspiciously begun.

June 1st.—(Whitsunday)—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and celebrated Holy Communion ; at evening service, preached again, and confirmed 22 persons.

June 2d.—(Monday in Whitsun week)—At early morning service, addressed the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 3d.—(Tuesday in Whitsun week)—Preached at St. John's Church, Elyton, and confirmed 3 persons.

June 4th.—Preached morning and evening, at the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and at the morning service, confirmed 7 persons.

June 5th.—Preached at Gadsden, and confirmed 2 persons. This was my first visit to this growing town, but there seems to be no immediate prospect of making Gadsden a mission point.

June 7th.—Preached again at St. John's Church, Elyton.

June 8th.—(Trinity Sunday)—Preached again, morning and evening, at Birmingham ; confirming 4 persons.

June 15th.—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 6 persons.

June 17th.—At evening service, confirmed 3 persons at Trinity Church, Mobile.

June 22d.—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

June 29th.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Having been requested by the Bishop of Florida to make a visitation at Pensacola, I preached morning and evening at Christ Church in that city, celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed 13 persons.

July 6th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and baptized an infant.

July 13th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and admitted a Probationer into the Order of Deaconesses. In the oratory of the "Church Home," on same day, I admitted a Probationer.

July 20th.—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—I preached at the Alleghany Springs, Va., morning and evening.

I do not deem it necessary to give a detailed account of ministerial duties performed during my summer tour. Suffice it to say that I preached, as opportunity offered, during my absence from the Diocese; baptizing 5 infants.

October 5th.—(17th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Sewanee, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 12th.—(18th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Augustine's Chapel, University of the South, and, at night, at St. Paul's Church, Sewanee.

I had been providentially prevented from attending the meeting of the Board of Trustees in the month of July preceding, and was glad to be able to visit the University on my return, and to witness its growth and increased prosperity. The condition of things at Sewanee, so far as they came under my observation, reflects great credit upon its present management, and justly claims the sympathy and generous aid of our whole people.

October 19th.—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 2nd.—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 4th.—Baptized an infant at Mississippi City.

November 9th.—(22nd Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 16th.—(23d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

November 23d.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

November 29th.—Preached at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

November 30th.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached morning and evening, at same Church; at the evening service, confirming 10 persons.

December 1st.—At early morning service, celebrated Holy Communion in same Church.

In the evening of same day, I preached in a School House at Madison Station, and baptized an infant.

December 2nd.—Preached again at Madison Station, confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 3rd—(Day of general Intercession)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, baptized an infant, and confirmed 1 person.

December 4th.—Preached, morning and evening, at the Court House in Athens—at the latter service confirming 7 persons.

December 5th—Preached again at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 6th.—Failed to hold service at Florence, because of stress of weather.

December 7th.—(2nd Sunday in Advent)—Officiated at Trinity Church, Florence; baptized an adult and infant; confirmed 7 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening preached at St. John's, Tuscumbia.

December 8th.—Preached again at same Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 14th.—(3rd Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

December 21st.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Held an ordination at Trinity Church, Mobile, and admitted Deacon, WILLIAM JAMES LEMON—candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, sermon by myself.

December 24th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

December 25th.—(Christmas Day)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and, after a sermon by the Rector, celebrated Holy Communion.

December 28th.—(1st Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, baptized the infant grandchild of the Rector, and confirmed 8 persons.

December 29th.—Preached at Evergreen.

1874.—January 4th.—(2nd Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 11th.—(1st Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached, morning and evening, at Talladega, and confirmed 2 persons.

January, 13th.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Luke's, Jacksonville, and confirmed 4 persons—I also baptized an adult.

January 14th.—Preached at Montevallo, and arranged for a regular service here under the pastoral care of the Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

January 16th.—Preached at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, and celebrated Holy Communion.

January 18th.—(2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Demopolis—at the latter service confirming 13 persons.

January 19th.—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at same Church.

I little thought, when I parted from my dear brother—the Rev. CHAS. H. COLEY—at the close of this visitation to his Parish, that I should see his face no more on earth. And even now I find it hard to realize that a life so full of blessing to the Congregation, the Diocese and the whole Church has been cut short as a tale that is told. It is not for me, a comparative stranger, to pay a fitting tribute to his memory. And, happily the testimony given by

the congregation of Christ Church, Savannah, renders needless all words upon my part.

It was a very happy thought on the part of the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Savannah, to tender their sympathies to the bereaved Congregation at Demopolis—and they have done so with equal tenderness and sincerity. I give an extract from their letter of sympathy:

"The Congregation of Christ Church, Savannah, desire to mingle their "tears, and to pour out their grief with Trinity Parish, Demopolis, over the "loss of one who is equally dear to both. A good man has fallen. In peace "and prosperity, in the trials of suffering and war, in the threatened disintegra-"tion of political and social law, always when christian souls yearned for con-"solation, they found it in the prayerful voice of this tender Minister of "CHRIST. Benefactor of the poor, comforter of the wretched, companion of "the good, friend of the christian, the humble confiding son of GOD, too "blameless for distrust, and too firm for aught save respect, affectionate and "full of Godly yearnings, he was fitted for the most intimate and sacred du-"ties of his holy mission. Confident of these qualities in the departed, we "ask to be permitted to unite our own with the common sorrow of the mem-"bers of this Parish, and with them to tender to his last Congregation, and to "the members of his bereaved family, sincere assurances of our deep sympa-"thy in their bereavement."

The Congregation at Demopolis speak in the same way of their lamented Pastor, and I add only that from all that I ever saw or heard he deserved all these expressions of love and confidence.

January 25th.—(3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Christ Church, Mobile.

January 27th.—Confirmed a sick person in private—candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

January 31st.—Confirmed a sick person in private, near Burnsville; candidate presented by the Rev. J. J. CLEMENS.

February 1st.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at Selma, and celebrated Holy Communion; at the evening service preached again, and confirmed 10 persons.

February 2nd.—(Purification of St. Mary the Virgin)—Celebrated Holy Communion at same Church.

February 3rd.—Preached at St Wilfrid's, Marion, confirmed 3 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. I also confirmed a sick person in private during this visitation.

February 8th.—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached at Birmingham; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. Was prevented by stress of weather from holding service in the evening. The number of persons confirmed at Birmingham since last Conventional Report—16.

February 9th.—Held a parish meeting at Birmingham, and addressed the Congregation. In the afternoon of same day, married a couple at the residence of the Rector.

February 15th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached at St John's Church, Mobile.

February 18th.—(Ash Wednesday)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

February 22nd.—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 28th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

March 1st.—(2nd Sunday in Lent)—Preached at same Church ; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached at Hayneville.

March 2nd.—Preached at Hayneville, and confirmed 1 person.

March 3rd.—Attended service at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and addressed the congregation.

March 4th.—Preached at Tallassee, and confirmed 15 persons.

March 5th.—Preached again at same place, and confirmed 3 persons—giving 18 as the number confirmed at that place.

The confirmation at Tallassee was made particularly interesting from the fact, that nearly all of the confirmed were from the operatives of the factory at that place. I sincerely hope that, notwithstanding the financial embarassments of the Tallassee Company, whose members have hitherto sustained the mission there, the liberality of the Diocese will still enable me to maintain the Rev. Mr. MOWER at his post. He has labored earnestly and successfully among a people proverbially difficult to reach, and it would be very sad to be compelled to withdraw him from a position of so much promise and for which he is so well fitted.

March 6th.—Preached at Opelika, morning and evening ; confirming 5 persons. Much substantial work has been done upon the new Church.

March 8th.—(3rd Sunday in Lent)—Preached at the Court House at Seale —the County Seat of Russell—confirmed three persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At night, preached again at same place.

March 22d.—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, in the morning, and at St. Mary's, Summerville, in the afternoon ; at the latter service baptizing an infant.

March 26th.—Confirmed a sick person in private ; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

March 29th.—(Sunday next before Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 3d.—(Good Friday)—Participated in the services at St. John's Church, Mobile, and addressed the congregation.

April 5th.—(Easter Sunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated the Holy Communion.

April 7th.—(Tuesday in Easter week)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon, Marengo County, and celebrated Holy Communion.

For the first time since I began my Episcopal visitations to the Diocese, I celebrated divine service in St. Andrew's, without the assistance of the late Rector, the Rev. F. R. HANSON. The day was inclement, but the little flock was gathered together, and we tried to cheer our saddened hearts with the thoughts of Easter tide. I do not know how I can more suitably pay fitting honour to our dear departed brother, than by giving the substance of what I said that day after the sermon and before entering upon the service of the

Holy Communion. I said in substance, and as far as I can recall it, in words as follows:

"I feel, beloved brethren, as if one more word was due from me to you to-day. This is now the beginning of my thirteenth year among you as your Bishop. For twelve eventful years I have made my annual round of visitations, and, to-day, for the first time I find myself in your midst without the visible presence of one, who built this Sanctuary, and was for many years your loving pastor and friend. I could dwell long and lovingly upon his memory, but I feel that it would be superfluous here among those, who knew him better than I did myself.

Besides—obituaries and funeral eulogies are great snares. To satisfy our hearts, they must suppress the recollection of all that there was of infirmity, and speak only, and perhaps extravagantly, of virtue and excellence. In GOD'S word only can we find faithful portraitures of human character—and the life of no perfect saint is recorded there—save that of Him the only sinless. Beside Him there is no other.

Of our dear departed friend I can say without extravagance or overstrained eulogy—and why say eulogy, when we have no gift that comes not to us, either by grace or nature—that he loved his people unselfishly, that he ever sought their good, that he ever promoted peace, and that, far more than most men, he was without malice, envy, hatred and uncharitableness.

So undemonstrative was he in temperament that he ordinarily refrained from expressions of affection, and from the ordinary manifestations of religious emotion.

There were times, however, when his emotions reached flood-tide, carrying away all the barriers of his customary reserve and poured themselves forth resistlestly. It was this quality of deep and generous emotion which impelled him in early life, to enter the foreign field as a Missionary of the Church. Only they who knew him most intimately could interpret aright that act of his life. He had no special aptitude for that work and a peculiar inaptitude for the acquisition of a foreign language—which he himself soon found out and which determined his speedy return—but the unselfishness which prompted the undertaking was in harmony with the character of the man.

I may with propriety recall an incident of his later life, which illustrates the same quality of his character. Some few years ago, he made a tour through some of our Northern Dioceses, with the view of soliciting funds for the rebuilding of the Church at Demopolis. (Let it be recorded here that the erection of that beautiful Church is due in large part to his unselfish labor.) During his tour he was offered the Rectorship of a Church, with a comfortable support, and all the surroundings attractive to one who was growing old and infirm. Having heard of the offer made him, and knowing that there was much to render the call attractive to him, I asked him why he did not accept it. He hesitated for a moment and said: "well I had lived among my people in Alabama, and they had shared with me their prosperity, and I preferred to remain among them and share their adversity." In this there was something very noble, and I am sure, quite characteristic of the man.

When his health began to decline, he took from the very first a very serious view of his condition. GOD dealt graciously with him in giving him premonitions of his approaching end. In numerous letters received from him, he refers to his approaching dissolution; speaking always in most affectionate terms of the Diocese and of his brethren, whose prayers in his behalf he greatly desired. From one of his letters, written but a little while before his death, I take the following words:

"While I do not think that I shall ever again be able to settle down to regular Parish duty, I may be able to act as a sort of General Missionary or Evangelist; and, if so, I hope you will be able to find some work of that kind for me to do in the Church of Alabama, where the greater part of my ministerial life has been spent, and with which I have long been indentified, and around which the best affections of my heart will always be entwined."

It was with this dearly cherished hope that he started upon his last earthly tour to the mountains of Virginia. His health improved and his spirits were greatly revived. Alas! It was but a momentary reprieve, and the sad announcement reached me of his sudden death in the city of Baltimore. It was very sad to me to think that I should see him no more in the flesh, for year by year I had known him better and learned to love him more.

But standing here to-day in the chancel of the Church which he loved and served and had builded, I cannot feel that he is far from us. For if it is permitted the spirits of the departed to revisit the scenes of their earthly existence, this spot would be the place, and this Easter tide the time, and you good people, the group, among whom he would love to mingle, and together with you celebrate the resurrection and the life—the pledge of our reunion in body and soul, in CHRIST's eternal kingdom."

April 8th.—I failed to hold my appointed service in St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, because of stress of weather, although I was in place, and but a few hundred yards from the Church. In the afternoon, I officiated at Faunsdale Chapel, addressed the congregation, and confirmed 12 persons.

This service was to me full of comfort. I witnessed here (what, unhappily, I see no trace of elsewhere,) the lingering of old Church relationship between master and servant—a relationship necessary to the well being of society, ordained of GOD and regulated by His law, but well nigh obliterated by the convulsions and upheavals of the last few years. That our reverend brother (who under every possible discouragement, has continued his services as of old) should have had strength and patience and faith to hold on to his work, was a matter of profound gratitude to GOD. May GOD bless and prosper him and his mission to the end. The day may come and that soon, when the laws of social and domestic life shall resume their normal state—when there shall no longer be unnatural alienations among those whose interests are one—when, whatever the complexion of the political world, the Divine Will shall be to man a law, and the master and the servant shall learn of Heaven their mutual relations and obligations.

April 10th.—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas County, and confirm-

ed 1 person. This Church is now under the pastoral care of the Rev. T. G. POND, who officiates there one Sunday in each month.

April 12th.—(1st Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and confirmed 1 person. In the afternoon, preached again at same Church.

April 13th.—Preached at County Line, (Parish of Grace Church, Portland,) and confirmed 4 persons.

The good people of this Parish brought with them their baskets of provisions, and, after service, we all dined together in an adjacent grove. It was a happy thought on their part. It enabled me to hold social converse with the whole congregation, and to inquire after the welfare of each individual and family. After the meal, I had an opportunity of addressing them again under the shade of the trees. They were all gathered together in families—masters, mistresses, children and servants, and I had an opportunity of saying many things upon matters of social and domestic life, which I would have found it hard to have compressed within the stricter limits of formal discourse in the Sanctuary. I trust to meet those dear people again under similar circumstances. They have had a hard lot—plunged from unexampled prosperity to a like adversity. Yet they bear it well and with a degree of hopefulness that cannot be accounted for, save that the good FATHER of us all has manifested to them his love and peace in the midst of manifold tribulations.

April 14th.—Preached at night at St. Mary's Church, Camden, Wilcox County.

April 15th.—Preached again in same Church, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I had not visited this Church for several years. I had began to look upon it as one of our deserted fields. The work of desolation had gone so far that repeated offers had been made to purchase the Church property, first for a school house, and then for a place of denominational worship. Representations had been made to me that the Church had gone down—that nearly all the Church people had died or removed, and that the property had gone into hopeless decay, without any one to care for its welfare.

To all this I replied that I could not consent to any alienation of the building from the holy purpose to which it had been originally consecrated—that I preferred to see it decay; hoping that its silent desolation would make an appeal that could not be resisted.

I am glad to report to this Convention that the Church has been put into a state of repair, and that the Rev. Mr. LEE of Carlowville makes a monthly visitation to the Parish, and that the prospects of the Church at Camden are better than they have been for many years past. The old history has been repeating itself—the history of woman's love and devotion. A few earnest women bestirred themselves. The dilapidation of the Church made its mute, but effectual appeal; and now we have much hope for the Church at Camden.

It would seem sometimes as if the same process of exhaustion and renovation obtained in things spiritual as in things natural. We turn out lands that

seem to yield no return for the labour bestowed upon them. They seem to go back into their primeval condition, and the wild growth of the forest obliterates all traces of husbandry. When taken up again, they seem to have recovered to themselves some lost elements of fertility, and yield a kindlier return to the labour of the husbandman.

The fact, however, is this : and I speak from a well advised study of the history of some of our Parishes—they started wrong from the first. The material put into the foundation was such as no wise master builder would use, and no builder can make a building more lasting than its foundations.

Let us learn a lesson here. It is unwise to constitute a Parish, until we have the requisite number of earnest men to constitute a Vestry. Let us rely, not upon the social position or influence of any set of men, but under GOD upon the sincere zeal and devotion of those who illustrate their devotion by living as christian men. Unless you can find a sufficient number of such people to form themselves into a Vestry, it is in my most serious judgment ill-judged and premature to organise a Parish in any locality. Far better that any such point should remain a Mission Station with hope of future growth, than to establish a Parish, carrying in its very birth the elements of certain and swift decay.

April 19th.—(2nd Sunday after Easter)—Attended Divine Service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

April 25th.—(St. Mark's Day)—Officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile—baptized the infant child of the Rector, addressed the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 26th.—(3rd Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and confirmed 3 persons. At night of same day preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 22 persons ; giving 26 as the number confirmed from said Church, since my last annual report.

May 3rd.—(4th Sunday after Easter)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, confirmed 19 persons and celebrated Holy Communion—the number confirmed at Christ Church since last Annual Report—25.

In the afternoon, at St. John's Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. FULTON, I addressed the candidates for confirmation and confirmed 47 persons, making 48 confirmations in this Church since last Report.

In all the confirmations held this year in the Churches of Mobile, I observed with great satisfaction the large proportion of young children. I am satisfied that they were not presented without due instruction on the part of their Pastors. It is one of the notable signs of the times that young children are attracted to the services of the Church as never before within my observation. The Church is no longer a dreary abstraction to our little ones, for we are learning to feed the lambs after their manner. The result is what we might properly anticipate. The Blessed SAVIOUR ever stands ready to receive and to bless them ; and, thank GOD, we are learning not to keep them from Him. Strange indeed it is that there are those in every age of the Church who are ready to rebuke those who bring them to CHRIST. Thank GOD that we are suffering them to come.

May 5th.—At St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill; I baptized an infant grandson.

May 10th.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—Failed through interruption of travel to keep my appointment at St. John's Church, Montgomery. Preached, however, in the absence of the Rev. Mr. BEARD, at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

SUMMARY.

The following is a summary of my official labors since my last Annual Report, viz:

Churches Consecrated	1
Deacons Ordained	2
Lay Readers Licensed	3
Baptisms, viz: Adults, 7; Infants, 15—Total	22
Marriages	2
Funerals	1
Confirmations—(In Florida, 13) in Alabama	334
Candidates for Holy Orders received	1

General Summary of Reports to the Convention for 1872, 1873 and 1874.

	1872.	1873.	1874.	TOTAL.
Churches Consecrated	1	1	1	3
Deacons Ordained	2	1	2	5
Priests Ordained	1	2		3
Candidates for Orders received	3	2	1	6
Lay Readers Licensed	4	15	3	22
Confirmations	326	446	334	1106

I have given my canonical consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Drs. PADDOCK, LYMAN and SPAULDING; the first named to the Episcopate of the Diocese of Massachusetts; the second named to be the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina; the third to the Missionary Episcopate of Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

I withheld my consent from the election of an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Mississippi—not having received any assurance from the Bishop of said Diocese that he needed or desired an assistant.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese, the following named Clergymen, viz: the Rev. PETER WAGER, (Deacon) with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Tennessee, and the Rev. JNO. R. JOYNER, with the same from the Bishop of North Carolina.

I have transferred as follows, viz: the Rev. C. P. RODEFER, with Letters Dimissory to the Bishop of Tennessee.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The death of the Rev. CHAS. H. COLEY, leaves vacant the Parish of Trinity Church, Demopolis. The Rev. WM. A. STICKNEY has taken charge, in

addition to his former duties, of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, Macon, left vacant by the death of Rev. F. R. HANSON.

The Rev. D. STUART HAMILTON, at the time of his death, was assistant to the Rector of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

The Rev. F. B. LEE, has taken missionary charge of St. Mary's Church, Camden, in connection with his duties as Rector of St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, and Grace Church, Portland.

Rev. PETER WAGER (Deacon) officiates at Florence and Tuscumbia.

Rev. W. J. LEMON (Deacon) is acting assistant to Rev. Dr. MASSEY, Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Rev. JNO. R. JOYNER is Rector of St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

The Rev. J. F. SMITH has added Montevallo to his missionary charge.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received canonical notice of the deposition from the Ministry of RO. A. MCELHINNEY, by Bishop of Ohio; of JAS. H. BOWLES, by Bishop of California; of CHAS. H. TUCKER, by Bishop of Long Island; of CHARLES R. BRAINARD, by Bishop of Massachusetts; of HENRY MCLORY, by Bishop of Albany; of WM. M. GUILFORD, by Bishop of Georgia; of JOHN STEINDLE, by Bishop of Missouri; of W. H. FULTZ, by Bishop of Massachuetts; of JOHN LYON, by Bishop of Nebraska; of EDWARD HUBBELL, by Bishop of Maine; of W. H. REID, by Bishop of Long Island; of R. H. WILLIAMSON, by Bishop of Central Pennsylvainia; of CLEMENT F. JONES, by Missionary Bishop of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent; of WM. MCGUIRE, by Bishop of Maryland.

ECCLESIASTICAL SENTENCE OF SUSPENSION

PRONOUNCED UPON REV. JAMES D. GIBSON.

It is my painful duty by the Canons of the Church in this Diocese, (see Title III, Canon II, § 8,) to report to this Convention the finding of the Ecclesiastical Court and my sentence thereupon, in the case of Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, a Presbyter of the Diocese of Alabama:

Shortly after the adjournment of the last annual Convention, certain rumors, affecting the moral character of said Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, were brought to my attention.

When these rumors were laid before him, he asked for an investigation. I therefore duly summoned the Board of Preliminary Inquiry to meet at Whistler, Mobile County. The Rev. F. R. HANSON, a member of said Board, was at the time absent from the State, and unable through ill health to attend the meeting. Accordingly he sent in his resignation, and the remaining members of the Board elected in his stead the Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill. The Board, after investigating the rumors brought to their notice, united in a presentment which was duly made to me in conformity with the Canons of the Diocese. (Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rev. F. B. LEE, Rev. F. W. DAMUS, presenters).

The Ecclesiastical Court of the Diocese was then summoned to meet in

Trinity Church, Mobile, to try the Presbyter named upon said presentment. In consequence of the prevailing epidemic the court was prorogued from time to time, until at last the trial took place at the Vestry of Trinity Church, Mobile.

The Court found the accused guilty of the charges preferred, and adjudged him to be deposed from the Sacred Ministry.

Upon a careful examination of all the evidence furnished, I decided to commute the sentence, from deposition to that of three years suspension. The sentence pronounced in presence of the Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D. and the Rev. T. J. BEARD, at Vestry of St. John's Church, Mobile, was as follows, viz: that the Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, be and is hereby suspended from all the functions of the Sacred Ministry, until he shall have furnished satisfactory evidence to the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese and to the Standing Committee thereof—that for three years last past, dating from the time of his making application to be restored, he had lived piously, soberly and honestly, and as became a Clergyman of the Church. All the documents in the case are in the hands of the Registrar of the Diocese.

In this connection I would report to the Convention that the Canon upon Discipline, under which the above mentioned trial took place, is exceedingly defective in many particulars; no provision being made for contingencies of the most ordinary character. I recommend that the Canon be referred to the Committee on Canons for their immediate consideration.

CHURCH PROPERTY AT CAHABA.

I have already reported to the Convention the condition of the Church building at Cahaba. There is no material left in that once thriving city for a congregation, and there is no prospect at present of a resuscitation of the place. The building should, if possible, be removed to some other locality. The organ is a very superior instrument. The Convention should take some immediate action in regard to the matter.

CHURCH PROPERTY AT GAINESVILLE.

In a recent report of mine to the Convention, (see Journal of 1872, pp 34, 35,) I made a statement of the then condition of that property. I now report as follows, viz: Shortly after the adjournment of the Convention of 1872, I opened a correspondence with Judge REAVIS, in regard to the insurance money in his hands, and urged upon him the importance of remitting to me the amount for investment. The Judge replied that he would send me the amount in course of a fortnight. Before that time had elapsed he died suddenly. In due time I opened a correspondence with a lawyer in Gainesville, who reported the probable insolvency of Judge REAVIS' estate. All the necessary legal steps were taken immediately in order to secure to the Church its proportionate interest to the estate, when settled.

The following extract from a letter received from THOS. COBBS, Esq., —the Attorney now employed—will give the Convention the best account of

the present condition of the fund in question. The letter is of date, April 21st, 1874, and reads as follows, viz:

"Rt. Rev. and Dear Bishop:

Mr. CHAS. COOKE has handed me an account dated January 4th, 1871, in favor of the Bishop and Trustees of the Episcopal Church of Alabama, against the estate of Judge REAVIS, for the sum of $933 92 properly proved, which I have filed against his estate, and will give it my prompt attention. The estate of Judge REAVIS is insolvent, and it is impossible to now tell to what extent it is insolvent, until the lands of Judge REAVIS in the State of Iowa are sold. It is supposed that the estate will pay 75 per cent.

Mr. COOKE also informs me that he has in his hands a note for $423 02 made by HORACE EVERETT of Council Bluff, Iowa, payable in specie funds on the first of July, 1851, which note is the property of the Church in Gainesville—that Judge REAVIS on the 27th day of August, 1869, procured the endorsement of Mr. EVERETT, waiving the Statute of Limitations, and the making of a new promise to pay it. This claim, Mr. COOKE thinks, requires attention, and ought to be sent to some reliable Attorney in Iowa for arrangement by suit or otherwise."

In regard to the other item of property reported on page 35 of Diocesan Journal—I have to report that the amount—now above $800—is on deposit in the People's Savings Bank of Mobile.

CHURCH HOME PROPERTY.

I have to report that on January 1st, 1874, I had in hand $3,621 40—that I have submitted all my accounts with vouchers to the inspection of the Committee—Messrs. N. W. PERRY, JAS. BOND and M. E. MACARTNEY—and that I have in my possession for the inspection of all concerned a certificate signed by M. E. MACARTNEY, a sub-committee, to the effect that the accounts to date mentioned are correct and properly vouched for.

We have now in the "Church Home" between 30 and 40 orphan girls, and the continued liberality of the kind people of Mobile leaves us nothing to ask for in the way of support.

The Church Home has now on hand some $5,000—of this sum $4,000 are in bank certificates drawing interest, and the remainder in hand for current expenses.

My hope is to accumulate a fund with which to build an "Infirmary," a "Home for the Widow," "an Orphanage for Boys," and in time to establish every agency that is needed to do the full work of the Church.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LOWNDES COUNTY.

This Building with the Rectory attached is going into rapid decay. All of the members of the Church have either died or removed. The Communion Plate is under the care of the Rev. R. A. COBBS, with permission to use it at Hayneville; but with the understanding that it shall be restored to St. Peter's, in the event of a restoration of the Parish organization.

MISSION WORK WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

I have no material at hand from which I can report as to the results of Convocation labors in the destitute parts of the Diocese. I have not received, except in one instance, any formal and regular report from the Deans of Convocation, but hope they will be prepared to give to this Convention an encouraging account of their operations during the year. At some time during the meeting of our Convention we should have an opportunity of hearing, through our Deans, from our mission field within the Diocese.

In looking over my Annual Addreses for the last twelve years, I find that I have never failed to press with what of earnestness and ability GOD has given me, the claims of Diocesan Missions upon the attention of this body. In my last Address I expressed myself with increased earnestness and with unusual minuteness of statement. The response on the part of the Convention was entirely satisfactory. The whole subject underwent thorough discussion, and with almost entire unanimity a plan was agreed to.

I am sorry to be obliged to say that the plan, for the larger part, has been found impracticable, or at any rate, that it has not been put into practice. In some instances the scheme was adopted, but applied to parochial purposes.

At all events I found that, as the autumn advanced, there were no funds coming into the Treasury, and that, in view of the prevailing financial distress, matters were not likely to improve. It became my duty, therefore, to advise our brethren who were officiating in feeble Parishes and in the Mission Field, that it was not in my power to make any pledge for the year 1874. It was a sad day when I set down to write to our little band of brothers, who were working hard and cheerfully at their several posts, that I could give them no pledge for the future. Indeed, I was compelled at that time to borrow $500 to enable me to redeem my pledges for the then current year. For the last six months a considerable portion of my time has been spent—not a cheerful task as you may easily suppose—in commending to other Dioceses and other Diocesan aid and sympathy, brethren who are dear to me as the members of my own household.

I make no imputation, nor do I charge fault to any one. I know, as well as any one in my position can know, the pressure which has bowed down the spirit of the most hopeful. Indeed, my position has brought me into contact with suffering and privation in every form and in every locality. As I look back now upon my visitations for the year, and recall all that I have witnessed of sorrow and destitution, I seem to myself to have been in a long and painful dream.

What a change has been wrought in one year! In my last Address I congratulated you and felicitated myself upon the state of things in the Diocese, particularly as it concerned the support of the Clergy. Now, unless there be a speedy change for the better, I see no escape from the necessity of losing some of our best men, and curtailing our present mission enterprizes.

I have my own convictions on this whole matter. I still hold to the belief that system and painstaking in small things would relieve us to the extent of enabling us to keep up our present Missionary Staff. I cannot yet come to the

conclusion that the Communicants of the Church cannot afford to give two cents a week for the support of Diocesan Missions, and I must still think that it is within the power of the Parochial Ministry to bring their people up to the insignificant contribution necessary. If the people are too poor to give much, they must be instructed not to be too proud to give little, and to do their diligence gladly to give of that little.

But I will not press this matter further. I have, perhaps, in the judgment of some, been already too importunate. If they think so, they must forgive me for my cause.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CHURCH.

I have hesitated much as to whether I should refer at any length to the recent movements in and away from the Church. It is a matter of confessed difficulty to treat a subject so grave and delicate with the tact and comprehensiveness of view which it demands. When we look back to the history of similar movements, we see very clearly that many mistakes were made on all sides; that sufficient forbearance was not exercised in the first moment of excitement; and that what might perhaps have remained in the Church as a harmless eccentricity, or, indeed, have been utilized as an element of power, has been precipitated into a serious and permanent schism. The comparatively slight defection, which as yet has taken place, would, if it went no further, amount to very little, so far as the Church is concerned. But I must in all candor give expression to the foreboding lest, through haste and misconception, and the lusts which engender divisions, and, above all, through the fraud and malice of the devil, a great and irreparable evil may befall us—an issue, the possibility of which I cannot contemplate without the deepest concern.

It is very easy to treat the whole matter lightly—to say that it is a mere passing storm—that it will soon blow over, and purify the atmosphere. GOD in His goodness grant it may be so. But if it should be so, it will be due to the influences of the Blessed Spirit, in answer to the prayers of the faithful; for He alone can order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men, and make them to be of one mind in a house. For we must bear it seriously in mind that great, and as yet unhealed, divisions have taken place in the past, and under circumstances very similar to those in which we stand to-day. We have no guarantee of exemption from the common liabilities of the Church in all ages, and surely there are elements of discord in our midst which, if not controlled and overruled, may be brought into irreconcilable antagonism, and end in final disruption.

The fact has never been disguised, nor is there any motive to conceal it, that we have in our midst, and have ever had, two differing schools of thought—agreeing in *The Faith*, and yet divided upon many matters of opinion. Perhaps we have too vain-gloriously paraded this proof of our comprehensiveness, as if it were the result of our own wisdom or contrivance, instead of humbly and gratefully recognizing it as the gift of GOD and a part of our heritage. The issue between these contending parties has been for the last few years continually widening, and to-day this serious question confronts us—it is the issue of the hour and to be steadily, prayerfully, and manfully met—can this

Church maintain the union hitherto kept up between these two contending parties, or shall she sustain a serious breach of her long cherished unity?

It is very easy to say: "let our disaffected brethren depart"—"the Church is changed in no iota"—"there is no new obligation imposed," &c., &c. But so far as I am concerned, I cannot consent to so summary a disposition of such a grave matter. The complainants in this case are, many of them—I would charge the contrary on none of them—good and true men, who love their LORD and SAVIOUR, and would live and die for His Blessed Name. They constitute an element of great power and goodness—and their loss would inflict an incalculable evil upon this Church. I have not yet schooled my heart to accept as inevitable a separation between myself and them. I have not yet been able to compute what I would not sacrifice to keep them by my side, and maintain the relations which for me have lasted through the lifetime of a generation.

With this expression of my affection and deep concern, I might perhaps be justified in closing these remarks, and in postponing to another time and place any further utterance. I have tried to think that it might be my duty to say nothing more. But I call to mind the fact that we are gathered together as a family, that this subject is a matter of family concern, and that you have a claim to know my thoughts, so far as I have formed an opinion, and can at this time properly give expression to the same.

For some years past a certain number of our Clergy and Laity have manifested a growing unwillingness to use certain expressions in the Baptismal Office. A short time previous to the meeting of the last General Convention, one of the Clergy omitted said expressions in the celebration of Baptism, and persisting in the omission, after admonition, was brought to trial for breach of ordination vows, sentenced and deposed for contumacy. When the General Convention assembled, memorials poured in from all quarters—all looking to one end—the relief of those who felt a conscientious difficulty in making use of the phraseology referred to. Sundry propositions were brought forward—one, to expunge the words complained of—another, to accompany them with an explanatory rubric—and another still, to allow an alternate form of expression. After much debate a conclusion of the whole matter was reached by a "Declaration" put forth by the Bishops, and signed by them with almost entire unanimity. This was followed by a responsive Declaration on the part of the nine Bishops who had asked for some measure of relief for the troubled brethren, and was to the effect—that the Declaration on Baptism was satisfactory, and ought to be so accepted. The result, so far as it appeared, was a general concurrence of opinion, both as to the fact and mode of the adjustment.

The question relating to the Baptismal Office having been thus adjusted, there came up for long debate the matter of the Ritual of the Church. Sundry prohibitory Canons were proposed and discussed in both Houses, and were all in turn rejected, after a discussion, which has not been surpassed in spirit and ability by any debate in that body. The defeat of these several proposed Canons was regarded and represented by some of their most earnest supporters as equivalent to an endorsement, on the part of the General Convention, of all the most extravagant features of Ritualism. It is even now so re-

garded by some persons, and has been assigned by them as a reason for their separation from this Church.

This, I think, is a very serious misconception on their part. It proceeds from that frequently observed disposition on the part of certain earnest and zealous minds to imagine, and that quite honestly, that all who do not adopt their mode of dealing with any particular evil are in necessary sympathy with that evil. A familiar illustration of this is found in the common allegation, on the part of zealous temperance men, that all who will not affiliate with the modern temperance organizations are favourers and promoters of intemperance.

For my own part I can say, and I speak, I am sure, the sentiments of others also, that all prohibitory legislation was opposed, on the ground that it would prove utterly ineffective to the end in view. It lies not within the wit of man to frame a prohibitory Canon on Ritual, which shall specify every possible manifestation that is sought to be prohibited and repressed. The practical and unavoidable effect of any such Canon is virtually to permit all that is not by specification forbidden. In the event of a trial for violation of such a Canon, it would become necessary to bring the offence charged under some one of its specifications. In all the debates in the House of Bishops, (and I can speak now with propriety of what is recorded and published,) I took the ground above indicated, and voted against every merely prohibitory enactment. I moved a substitute for the Canons proposed, and the substitute was a Resolution to regulate the whole of the Ritual by *positive* Canon Law, prescribing with exactness what the officiating minister might and should do, and beyond which he might not lawfully go. I see no other mode of attaining the end in view. This Church is surely competent, at least in point of authority, to decree Rites and Ceremonies, not repugnant to the law of GOD. She asserts for herself that right. Other branches of the Church—the Roman, Greek, etc.—have their Canons of Ritual, which are minute and unmistakable, and the directions given therein, as we have reason to know, are scrupulously observed. Upon this point we seem to occupy an anomalous position, made so in part by our failure fully to assert by legislative action what we rightly claim in the Articles as a part of the prerogative of "every National Church,"—viz: the right to enact—and that must carry with it the right to interpret—a law of Ritual. We keep up in some respects not so much a childlike, as a servile, relation to the Mother Church, by failing to have our Courts of Judicature and Final Appeal, and by depending in some vague and undefined way upon the decisions of the English Ecclesiastical Courts—tribunals, which the Church in England would greatly alter and modify, were it not that she is hampered by certain bonds; thus wearing voluntarily the chains from which she herself emancipated us, and would fain herself be free.

But notwithstanding the seeming general acquiescence in the adjustment of the difficulty connected with the Baptismal Office, and particularly on the part of those who represented themselves as suffering in conscience, the whole Church has been equally surprised and grieved to receive the announcement of a defection on the part of one of the Bishops thereof. Official notification has reached me—and the public press has carried the announcement to every quarter—that the late Assistant Bishop of Kentucky has abandoned the Com-

munion of this Church, and renounced the exercise of his ministry in the same. Some few of the Clergy had preceded him, and some few have followed him. If the movement were likely to end here, however I might deplore the step taken by these brethren, I should not esteem the event of sufficient magnitude to justify any extended notice in my Annual Address, but should content myself with the formal report of the fact, that I had received official notice of the deposition of certain parties from the ministry.

So far as it concerns the parties who have already abandoned the Communion of the Church, I have no judgment to pronounce, at this time, and in this presence. Unhappily, they are no longer accessible to the arguments and entreaties of their brethren. But we have reason to believe, that there are some of our most worthy and earnest men, who are not satisfied with the present state of things, and are looking forward to the action of the approaching General Convention, and whose course will in all probability be determined thereby. Many of these persons do not approve the course pursued by the separatists, and are not prepared, as yet, to follow them; but yet are fully determined upon some action which shall afford relief to the disaffected, prevent further secession, and give rest and peace to the Church. It now remains to be seen what measures of relief will be proposed—how far the relief sought will be afforded—and, if not granted, what will be the issue.

I think it proper to speak in plain language, and to bring before you distinctly the whole issue, in order that we may see the question before the Church in all its bearings, and, if possible, take such counsel, as may assist us all in our respective spheres of influence to do our full duty—soberly, advisedly, and in the fear of God. My impression is that, at our next General Convention, a proposition will be brought forward, and urged with great earnestness, to revise the Book of Common Prayer, and in such mode as to expunge certain phraseology and thus to eliminate certain "*germs*" of errors in Doctrine and Ritual as alleged on the part of the petitioners and complainants. If I am correct in this impression, you will see at a glance the magnitude of the interests involved, and the gravity of our present position. There will be involved, for instance, at once, the question of the comprehensiveness of the Church, and of the metes and bounds of that comprehensiveness—the question of the removal of old landmarks, and the running of new lines—the question of expediency, of right, and of authority. Such questions, and kindred ones, will be necessarily embraced—to say nothing of the general wisdom, tact and unfailing charity requsite to touch such subjects—the charity which is not "easily provoked," and yet ever "rejoiceth in the truth."

Now it does not become me to prejudge these questions, and to indicate sharply my ultimata in the premises. It is in my judgment the duty of all who have any voice or influence in the determination of these grave questions, to give this whole matter whatever of thought and study and prayer they may have to bestow; and all who love the Church and desire her prosperity should invoke upon the approaching Council the outpouring of the Holy Spirit—even the Spirit of all truth—that so the members thereof may be saved from all ignorance, pride and prejudice, and that the wandering may be fetched

home, and peace restored, and the power now wasted in intestine strife may be concentrated against the world, the flesh, and the devil.

THE QUESTION OF REVISION.

The question of the revision of the Book of Common Prayer is not only one of grave import, but a far-reaching question. This Book, as we now have it, is not the growth of this age or generation, but a priceless inheritance from our fathers. I cannot but sympathize in a certain way with the sentiment which cries out against the touching of that venerable symbol. To me it has no fault—it seems all glorious within, of wrought gold, filled with holy incense. I do violence to every instinct of my nature when I contemplate the thought of revision. All this may be said to be sentiment, and yet sentiment is a sacred thing, without which we could have no hallowed shrines on earth.

And yet, when we recall the history of this Book, we find it to be a history of repeated revisions. Its present supposed perfectness, in the eyes of those who denounce the idea of revision as an impossible thing, is due in large measure to the touches and changes it has received from time to time. Therefore, when we look at the question of revision in the calm and clear light of logic and history, we must accept the idea of revision, by proper and competent authority, and for sufficient reason, as a possible, and, in some contingencies, a necessary thing. I am speaking now, it will be understood, to the general proposition of a possible revision, and not to any presently proposed scheme; any judgment upon which would now be premature.

Should the question of revision come up before the General Convention, it will necessarily take a wide range and be far-reaching, and cannot be confined to any one direction. For when the Prayer Book shall be subjected to such a scrutiny as is now contemplated, and her Holy Offices shall be scanned for expurgation, and search shall be made for "deadly germs," it will surely not be out of place to inquire whether there are not other matters demanding investigation. It will not be quite fair to assume that the fault is altogether in the *Book*, and not at all in *their system* of thought who cannot accept its teachings. It seems to be assumed in certain quarters, that there must needs be some serious fault in a book of devotion which all good men cannot conscientiously use. Is the assumption less legitimate, that the fault may possibly be in the objector's own mind, in the lack of good early training and in the force of remaining prejudice? Surely men of piety and of genuine humility who are daily conscious, and make daily confession, of frailty and fallibility and ignorance, should be willing to pause and consider it possible that the fault may perchance be in themselves, and in their inability to take in the whole truth, or in their liability to misconceive it.

In the searching scrutiny which must be made whenever the question of revision shall come up, the Prayer Book will in some sort be arraigned for trial. The charges preferred in certain quarters are almost of a criminal character, and will, if justice is to be attained, be liable to offset by counter charges. Surely it will be legitimate and necessary to account for the fact pleaded—viz: "That certain good men cannot use certain parts of the book with a good conscience." It surely will not follow, as a matter of course, that the book

should be condemned and altered to suit the complainants, without any inquiry at all as to whether the views of the complainants should not be modified to suit the standard. It will be surely legitimate, and not justly offensive—for the character of our Mother is involved in these charges—her character as the Spouse of CHRIST—to inquire what defects may be found in our training schools, in our Theological Seminaries, in the examination of Candidates, and possibly in the antecedents of the ordaining Bishops.

This Church has a positive teaching, and this teaching is contained in her Creeds and Offices, and is inwrought in her prayers and praises. A certain course of reading is prescribed to every Candidate for Orders. This course of reading is, on the whole, in harmony with the standards of Church Doctrine. Students for the ministry who are carried through the prescribed curriculum, will, as a general rule, be found to have no difficulties in taking the vows of ordination, viz: "to minister the doctrine of CHRIST as this Church has received the same." When they are not thus willing, or when, having taken the vow, they are then unwilling to perform it, it may be as fair to infer some defect in their theological training, as to impute the fault to the doctrinal expressions of the Prayer Book.

Then, if a full investigation is to be held, there must be full inquiry in order that there may be sufficient light. And I know no way in which more light could be obtained, than by a knowledge of the antecedents of the complainants, and of the views of their teachers, and of the character of the text-books used in their instruction. The knowledge of all these particulars would constitute an important chapter in present Church history. Then, and not till then, in view of all this testimony, the question might properly come up for intelligent debate—"Shall the Standard Book be lowered to suit the defective education (if defective education shall have been shown) of our Candidates, or shall they be trained up to the level of the Church's teachings?

I do not presume here to answer this great question. I do not here assume to define the line which separates the essential from the non-essential. We know that if the good and earnest and faithful men of all shades of opinion are ever brought to live together in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, it will be through the practical determination of the question stated. We all know that agreement of opinion is at best a comparative thing. In some points it must be absolute, for if there be nothing accepted as absolutely true, there is nothing worth contending for. We have that much in the Catholic faith and in the two Sacraments of CHRIST's ordination. How far beyond these fixed points the line of requirement shall be drawn, is the crucial question before the Church. It will, practically, though not coming up in form, be the determining point of the present controversy. All of human wisdom, guided by that wisdom which cometh from above, will be needed to attain the golden mean of unity in things essential, liberty in things not essential, and charity in all things—the mean almost as difficult to get at as the Philosopher's Stone—the ideal of the spirit of the Church, which will be realized in her more and more as she grows up to her Head in all things, and is filled with His fullness.

No! I am not now laying down the terms of adjustment; but I am indica-

ting this just and equitable course—that before we touch the standard we should see if there be no defects to be remedied in other directions. If the Book of Common Prayer teaches not according to GOD'S Holy Word—if it is too narrow and exclusive—if it lacks any element of comprehension or exclusion that pertains to the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church,—then in the name of GOD let it be revised by a power adequate in wisdom and competent in authority. This Book has been revised by men who were giants in their day. I confess, however, to a sinking of the heart, when I contemplate the possibility of such a task being attempted in this our new world, where learning is superficial, piety dwarfish, and our native conceit only—like our primeval forests—fully grown.

But besides, where would such a revision be likely to end? Who can assign limits to it, and determine its final direction? Suppose the Creed should be next attacked. Many, esteemed as good men, have left the Church, because of the Creed, and because it taught the essential Divinity of our Blessed LORD. They loved the Church and its Liturgy, and would have remained in her Communion, but for certain alleged "germs" that it held—"germs" which in their estimation were destructive of the doctrine of the Unity of the Godhead. They could plead that the Creed was not found in that precise form in the word of GOD, to which word, and which alone, they owed any allegiance.

And, besides, have we any assurance that the work of revision would end with the corrections of the Prayer Book, and not extend to the Holy Scriptures? It is undeniable that the forms of expression, complained of in the one, are found in identical or equivalent terms in the other. Should such expressions be eliminated, or accompanied with explanatory marginal readings, or hidden in a new translation? Take for example, such an expression as this: "This is my body;"—upon this text the Roman Church builds the Doctrine of Transubstantiation. Or this:—"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church"—the whole fabric of Papal pretensions rests upon this declaration. Or again:—"My FATHER is greater than I;"—this is the "deadly germ" of Socinianism. And yet, once more:—"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind;"—here is the "germ" of the wildest individual license.

Now if the argument is a good one—viz: that whatever is liable to abuse and perversion, and has been so abused and perverted to the injury of the truth, should be eliminated from the Prayer Book,—then what becomes of the argument, in view of the frequent and notorious perversions of the Sacred Text? If it be replied that the Scripture restrains such tendencies and guards against liabilities to perversion, by giving us in complementary texts the whole truth;—most true; but is it not equally true of the Book of Common Prayer? Take, as an example, the office for the Baptism of Infants—which gives a view of the condition of grace and state of salvation to which the subject of Baptism is admitted. Is there any want of fullness or clearness in the accompanying exhortation to all virtue and godliness of living, when we are taught—and the same truth runs like a golden thread through the texture of the book—that "Baptism representeth unto us our profession; which is to follow the example of our Saviour CHRIST, and to be made like unto Him?" and again, when we

pray, that, "being buried with CHRIST in His death we may crucify the old man, and utterly abolish the whole body of sin?" and still further, in another place—"that we, being regenerate and made GOD's children by adoption, may daily be renewed by His HOLY SPIRIT?" Can it be fairly gathered from the whole context that the Prayer Book teaches that Baptism can save us, otherwise than as GOD's Holy Word teaches the same? I ask, therefore, must not every charge that is brought against the Prayer Book because of certain statements, which, if taken apart from the context, lead to error, in the same breath disparage the Holy Scriptures, which contain the same or similar expressions?

Martin Luther was consistent in this matter. He followed out the idea of elimination thoroughly at one time. He impugned the authenticity of an epistle that stood in the way of his one sided theory, calling it "an epistle of straw." It was well for him that this straw entered finally into the bricks with which he builded, for they would have dissolved in the flood of antinomianism that dashed against his foundation. He gladly availed himself of the straw, which he had first trodden under foot, but too late for it to be thoroughly and sufficiently wrought into the building.

We may rest assured that, on the day that any expression to be found in the Holy Scripture is eliminated from the worship of any set of men, because of its liability to abuse and perversion, and, particularly, because it cannot be used with a good conscience, then, not only will a deep insult be offered to GOD's Holy Word, but a suicidal and fatal blow will be struck by the hand that erases it!

The fact is that every heresy, and subsequent schism, has its *germ* in some perverted or partial truth. Errors in doctrine are not so much pure inventions as perversions of some original truths. Consequently, if any particular truth be not held, there is no perversion of it possible. In this connection, I quote from one of my published sermons, and the extract has an increasing significance in the progress of the present discussion:

"The present diverse movements of thought in our midst are most pregnant "proofs and illustrations of the catholicity—the wholeness of this Branch "of Christ's Church. For it must be considered that none but a body truly "catholic could be susceptible of such diverse movements. For example: if "the doctrine of the Intermediate State were not held, there could be no room "for the doctrine of Purgatory; if there were no reverence for the Blessed "Virgin, there could be no room for Mariolatry; if there were no recognition "of the departed Faithful in the Communion of Saints, there could be no "room for their Invocation; if the Sacraments were not retained, there could "be no developement of Sacramentarianism;" (and I might insert here—if virtue or grace is denied to the Sacrament of Baptism, there would be no footing for the doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration.) "If the unity of the "Godhead were not held, there could be no Unitarianism; if the Holy Evangel "were not taught, there could be no Evangelicalism; if Reason were permitted "no scope, there could be no room for Rationalism. In a word, if there were "no life, there could be no disease, and no death."

The attempt to prevent a liability to error, by eliminating or denying or suppressing any truth of which it is a perversion, may be successful, but it

will be at the cost of mutilation. If that truth be a vital part of the whole system of truth, the result of such elimination or denial would be as if the lungs should be destroyed in order to guard against pneumonia—and if the principle were consistently and fully carried out, it would be as if life should be destroyed in order to render disease impossible.

Besides all this, there are other weighty considerations which I fear will be lost sight of in the heat and haste of the hour. It strikes me that many of the separations in the Church have sprung from one fatal mistake. If certain parties within the Church are persuaded that they alone hold the pure and unadulterated truth, and that their views of christian life and doctrine only are according to God's Holy Word, (and such collections of devout people have repeatedly appeared under various names—all indicating the same idea of supposed greater sanctity,) in a word, if they are "the salt of the earth"—for that is the claim in substance—the faithful are the salt—then, I would ask, what is the function of salt, and where is its proper place? I take it that salt was intended not simply, nor solely, for its own preservation, but to penetrate, permeate, and thus preserve the mass. They who esteem themselves as most orthodox and pious—I speak neither in taunt nor irony—have a high and holy function to discharge in behalf of their brethren who have not yet attained to the same measure of knowledge and piety with themselves. The greatest question before them is not "what they shall do to be saved?" It is to be presumed that they have settled that question. Now, another question arises, "what shall they do to save others?" That is a more advanced question. The jailer at Philippi, from a paroxysm of fear, could ask, "What shall I do to be saved?" The Blessed Saviour, in the fullness of infinite and unselfish love, devoted Himself to the solution of another and deeper question—"What shall I do to save others?" And for this end He came down from Heaven and tabernacled with men, and not merely endured their ignorance, but instructed it, and taught poor sinners, whom he refused not to call brethren, how to live, and how to bear with each other—Himself the blessed Exemplar of the charity that "endureth all things" and "hopeth all things."

But if it should be replied that the separation is contemplated in order that the salt should be kept pure to do its saving work, I answer that there is great danger lest, through failure to exercise its appointed function, it should lose its own savour. "Wherewith then should it be salted?" The welfare of all created things is to be found in the fulfilling of that function to which each is severally ordained. There are some appointed to water others. In fulfilling that function, they have the safest assurance that they themselves shall be watered. Equally true is it that he that salteth others shall himself be salted.

Now, if the good and earnest men in the Church, either through unconscious self-righteousness, or through a mistaken sense of duty, or through considerations of greater comfort or safety, or through whatever insufficient cause, withdraw themselves from their brethren, they stand in great peril of losing some of their goodness and orthodoxy—some of their savour. It is not their present earnestness and piety that shall save them from the sure consequences of needlessly putting asunder what in the Providence of God has been joined together. If history teaches one unvarying lesson, it is this:—the sure tendency

of those who separate from their brethren without sufficient cause to suffer decay, and the ultimate loss of the very truths for the preservation of which they separated themselves. What has become of the numerous sects, which at different periods have originated in the pietistic spirit? The names which they gave themselves sufficiently indicate the spirit in which their movements originated. In whatever language you find the name, you find it expressing the idea of effort after, or profession of, greater purity and sanctity. We may admit that they were sincere in all this, and yet their history is a very sad and unvarying one, and not at all calculated to encourage others to repeat the experiment. And what is the present spiritual condition of some of the more modern sects of the same type, as compared with that of their founders and leaders? Does it not seem as if the salt had already lost something of its savour?

Why cannot we accept the fact that the Church is now militant and probationary, and that, as such, she answers to the description given in Holy Writ? How is she represented by CHRIST and his Apostles? Not, I take it, as a collection of the most pious and orthodox of GOD's people, but of all orders and conditions and degrees of the baptized—a collection of wheat and chaff, a field in which good seed is sown, but infested with tares sown by the hand of an enemy. A day will come—the Day of the Lord—when with His fan in his hand he will winnow the grain and separate the wheat from the chaff. Poor fallible man! he is ever ready to anticipate that day, and pass his own judgment, and yet while in the same breath confessing that there is "no health in himself." No sooner does he see what he takes to be a tare, than he straightway tries to pluck it up. With his little sieve in his hand, he would even now enter upon the winnowing. But he is admonished—and but for his conceit he would not need the admonition—to refrain from this rash and ill-advised procedure. Poor man! He is not good enough, nor wise enough, for such a task as this. He might perchance fail to pluck himself up by the roots, thinking himself to be of the wheat. He might, perchance pluck up all the wheat and leave himself with the tares alone.

What is the great lesson to be learned from all that GOD teaches us by his Word and Providence? Does it not seem that the Good Creator has made all things for mutual helpfulness, and that nothing exists for itself alone? He has joined together in indissoluble union elements, which to our imperfect vision seem sometimes to be antagonistic, yet do they all work together in a mysterious harmony. The harmonious and unbroken movement of the spheres proceeds from the composition and resolution of opposing forces. The atmosphere, in whose inspiration we find life and health, is composed of elements, which if separately inhaled do work a sure and speedy death—the one by unduly stimulating, the other by depressing the vital powers. But, in combination, they constitute the medium of healthful respiration, and bring life to every breathing creature.

Do we not find the counterpart of all this in the spiritual world? Are there not truths, which, if held separately, ensure spiritual decay and death, and yet which, if received as GOD hath joined them together, become sources of life and health? Take the old, and now happily almost forgotten, controversy, con-

cerning Divine Sovereignty and free will—the one if held alone running into fatalism, the other into atheism—yet in union stimulating the whole man to diligence, and encouraging him to "work out his own salvation," "because it is GOD who worketh in him to will and to do." Take another—the controversy concerning Faith and works: the one, if held alone, running into antinomianism—the other into legalism—"faith without works being dead," and, equally, works without faith being dead also. When we take our stand to-day, and look back upon the controversies which have raged so fiercely and have had their issue in contentions and divisions and thousand-fold recriminations—which make the head and heart sick at the recollection—and when in the retrospect we see that oftentimes good and true men have been contending for the same thing, and that their contention was often but a strife of words, or a conflict on different sides of the same truth, or for different elements of the same truth, we can see how the doctrines of the Church have suffered from the decomposition—the one party seizing upon one element, the other upon another—thus putting asunder what GOD had joined together, and bringing trouble and shame upon the whole family by the unnatural and causeless divorce. Thus has religious truth—and, in consequence, Church Unity—suffered in all ages, until at times Reason and Intelligence have shrunk back in contempt and almost loathing—prepared to find a refuge for the soul among the philosophers, did not the contentions of the wise of this world present a more dreary and barren spectacle still.

Is it so that we can never be wiser? Is it so that wisdom can in no iota be transmitted and inherited, and must it ever be that each generation shall have its folly, its weakness, and its shame! We take, I said, our stand to-day, and we see and we admit that many of those controversies which distracted and sore rent the Church were about trifles lighter than air, compared with the question of Christian love and unity. Many of these questions—particularly those of a metaphysical character—have ceased to provoke discussion, save among beginners and those who will always be beginners. Shall we learn nothing from the past? The questions of the day, which involve the significance of Sacraments, and the matter of Ritual, and which seriously threaten the peace and unity of this flock of CHRIST, can they not find adjustment?

Now as it regards the question of the virtue of the Sacraments and their mode of operation, we have some extremists in both directions, but they are very few indeed. There may be differences of opinion among the large mass of our Clergy, but they are not vital differences—in many cases a mere strife of words. The sound and moderate minds among us—and they constitute by far the great mass—are much nearer together in opinion than they themselves sometimes think, and are willing to allow. The one party lays greater apparent stress upon the grace of the Sacrament—the other upon the condition and state of the recipient. Is there not a part of the truth for which each is contending, and may it not be that in this way the whole truth is conserved? The history of religious controversy is full of similar illustrations, and it will be found upon a comprehensive view of the history of Doctrine, that the whole body of truth has been usually, if not always, thus maintained—by each mind setting forth and keeping in view the particular side of truth which it

sees most clearly. The Church, as I have before said, has settled down to a moderate and comprehensive—not intermediate—view upon the question of sovereignty and free-will, but after how many years of strife on the part of the respective advocates! It would be difficult now to revive that controversy.

And as it regards the matter of Ritual—if we leave out the extreme manifestations of a very few men, the question reduces itself very much to a question of Æsthetics, upon which the best men will differ and should not wrangle—the whole matter tending ever to its own adjustment.

We read that the Ancient Church was sore rent because of disputes about the *time* of celebrating Easter: have we made any great advance in intelligence, who make serious debate as to whether or not the flowers, the emblems of resurrection life, should grace the day and place of its commemoration? And may it not be that the present strife concerning a large part of Ritual may appear to the generations to come as many of the old controversies appear to us, and that our children's children may look upon our present discussions very much as we look back upon some of the trivial controversies of the past, and wonder at the littleness of their fathers.

Truth is many sided. No one man can hope to take it all in his grasp. He may fail to see all its relationships, may fancy it to be in conflict with itself, when it is all harmonious. Every one conscious of his fallibility must know and acknowledge this possibility. Why then not act upon this consciousness and the constant admission of our own fallibility? Of nothing, save perhaps our existence, are we more certain then that "in us there is no health," nor wisdom. Is this confession, which we daily make, a piece of cant or is it a great reality? We plead conscientiousness. About what? What does the Church impose, save that which, after study and probation, we ourselves have accepted as true, and have sworn to teach as true? The extravagancies of a certain party in the Church are pleaded in justification. In what way are we responsible for them, if we countenance not their excesses, and seek in all lawful suitable ways to restrain them? We cannot be too conscientious as it regards our own actions; but may we not concern ourselves unduly, and make ourselves too unhappy, about the consciences of others?

I have gone more at length into the subject before us than I intended, and yet I feel that I have not gone far enough to say all that might properly be said.

It is a matter of profound gratification to me that I can stand in your midst to-day and thank God that there is no note of discord to disturb the harmony of our Diocese. We have our peculiar trials, we are very much impoverished, our ranks have been thinned by death, and we have cause to fear that even now we have not reached the bottom of our troubles. But these matters are beyond our management and control. We must stand in our lot, and strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die, and rejoice that others increase whilst we decrease. Still we have our large compensation in a united Diocese. I myself have a rich compensation for a multitude of troubles in the fact that there is no one of our Clergy or Laity who, so far as man can know, is disloyal in thought or intention to the Church as at present constituted. It might perchance be supposed by a stranger to us that the lengthened notice

taken in this Address of the present trouble in the Church was in consequence of some manifestation of disaffection in our midst. It is not so, thank GOD. No: but each one of our Dioceses is but an atom in the great mass. The troubles of our brethren in other Dioceses are our troubles. There is not one of us to whom the defection of our brethren has not come in the shape of a personal calamity. There is no congregation in the Church that has not felt the blow, just as all the nerves of the body feel the shock from a wound inflicted on any part thereof. We feel it in every way: the resentful are made angry; the timid are alarmed; the weak are bewildered; the indifferent become hostile; the unfaithful are made treacherous; and even the staunch and faithful are oppressed with a heavy sorrow, and look to the future with painful solicitude. It is as when in the critical hour of the fight, the cry runs through the ranks that some have turned themselves back from the battle. As for us, beloved brethren, we cannot hope to do much in the way of turning the tide, and arresting what seems to us a causeless movement. We occupy here in Alabama but an outpost, far removed from the centre of operations. It is ours, however, to maintain steadily our position, and with an unfaltering allegiance and a sleepless vigilance to guard this our part of the line.

A word I would say for the instruction and confirmation of our own people, many of whom are comparative strangers to the Church, and are, therefore, naturally bewildered in view of the present distraction. Some of them, who have sought to find shelter and repose from strife, within the pale of the Church, may very naturally experience a painful sense of disappointment. They look around and see other bodies of Christians, for the most part, at peace within themselves and united in enterprises for the promotion of their respective views. Then they look at home and see rival missionary and book societies, party divisions and a party press. What is the solution of the difficulty that naturally presents itself to such minds? The question opens a large subject, and involves the whole theory of the Church, as distinguished from a Society. It calls for a volume rather than the closing words of an address. I can give here hardly the outline of the answer.

It cannot be reasonably expected, and is indeed quite impossible, that the Church should be as much at peace as the Denomination, which is an association of individuals of like minds and tempers, gathered together by elective sympathies for the promotion of some special end, and for the maintenance of some particular truth. We could be at peace to-day, if the Church were to dissolve itself into a number of party organizations—each making its own creed, enacting its own laws, and establishing its own agencies. But what would such a peace be worth? What possible scope would there be for the grace of charity, the spirit of subordination, and the exercise of mutual forbearance? Such a peace would be like the peace of a family which, unable to live together in a household, should scatter itself—each man to his own tent. What room then would there be for the virtue of patience, and the attainment of that holy temper through trial—for the bearing of each other's burdens—the strong bearing the infirmities of the weak—the one that eateth, not judging him that eateth not—and all, though not having attained the same ripeness in the faith, yet, "whereunto they have already attained, walking by

the same rule and minding the same thing." Where is there such a family, and such a school for instruction, as the family and school of CHRIST?

I give here in this connection, and in the same line of thought, an extract from my published sermon before referred to. I was speaking of the comprehensive spirit of this Church.

"In her complete sphericity, which touches human nature at every point, "and embraces the whole of Catholic Truth, she holds to a common centre "differing schools of thought. On the one side she retains men of a Puritan "tendency—men who are not content with being allowed to hold their own "opinions, but are discontented because not allowed to impose their opinions "upon all others. This class are found at one extreme. They will occasion-"ally fly off and attach themselves to a denominational body, for which their "affinities are stronger than their love for the Church. On the other side, "she retains men of another type, who will press her Ritual into Ritualism, "and, if extremely eccentric, will fly off in that direction and find a more "congenial home in the extreme end of their line of movement.

"If this Church were narrower in her spirit—as some would have her to "be—she might be more at peace within her borders, but she would be less "catholic and less true to her mission. Peace, however desirable, is not the "chief end sought by the Church of CHRIST, nor by CHRIST, her Head, not-"withstanding He was the Prince of Peace. And the wisdom which cometh "from above, and directs all her counsels, and shapes all her ends, is not first "*peaceable*, but "*first pure, then peaceable*,"—and for the reason that a true and "lasting peace can flow only from the establishment and maintenance, first in "rank and first in time, of that which is pure.

"And moreover, if the Church were less alive than she is, there would be less "of agitation in her midst. There are conditions, both in the natural and spi-"ritual kingdom, in which there is little or no agitation, because there is little "or nothing of life. There have been such periods in the history of this "Church. She has had her dreary winter and her times of barrenness and de-"solation. It is not so now, thank GOD. She has awakened into a new exis-"tence. GOD's good Spirit has breathed upon her and quickened her with "a renewed life. Multitudes have been drawn to her altars—absorbed, "although not yet assimilated. All these varieties of mind are stirred by a "common impulse, but move, as is inevitable, in their several directions. "They grow, because they have room in this Church to grow. It is the con-"dition of such physical life as is vouchsafed and possible to man, that he "shall be liable to disease. And if that life is a vigorous life, there is an in-"creased liability to some diseases in their more violent forms.

"Thus it is, under the law of compensation, that one thing is set over "against another. The storms which agitate the atmosphere, the ceaseless "ebb and flow of the tides, are the conditions of a healthful state of air and "sea. The soil that is fertile stimulates alike the growth of the tares and "wheat. You cannot fertilize a spot of earth without stimulating the growth "of every seed in its bosom. You cannot educate the mind without calling "into exercise all its latent powers—alike for good or evil. Knowledge is

"power, but power in all directions. It makes a man wise unto salvation, "and it renders him wise unto evil—if on evil he is bent."

It is in the cheering light of such thoughts as these—true to nature as they are, and illustrated in all history—that we must look at the present movement in the Church, and learn the great lesson of the present hour.

I have penned this Address for my own people—the flock of which GOD has made me overseer—and in all that I have said I have striven to keep in mind the holy injunction, to "Speak the truth in love." If in this, or in any other particular, I have offended, or come short, may GOD forgive and graciously overrule it.

It may be that these words may come to some old and dear friends in other Dioceses, who take a different view of the matters here treated, and who may perhaps be meditating a step, which shall take them from my side, and break up the sweet companionship in which we were wont to walk together to the House of GOD, and take sweet counsel as we walked. If these lines should ever meet their eye, let me here say to them—and they all know to whom I am speaking, and I say it, GOD knows, from the depth of my heart—you may think that "you can do without me—perhaps better without me." But I feel that I cannot do well without you. I recognize, as of old, and increasingly as time rolls on, all in you that is good and true. I thank GOD for it all. I covet it all for our dear Mother Church, at whose breasts we were nourished, and whose arms even yet are around us. You hold views of truth—vital truths—which I hold, and the Church holds, and without which there cannot be sober, righteous and godly living. There are other views of truth which I hold and you reject. These views are not imposed upon you. Should they ever come to be thus imposed, you have at command the last painful resort—for GOD's sake, make it not the first.—Family ties should not be hastily broken—all that can be conscientiously borne should be endured rather than break up the family and scatter the children. We have a goodly heritage, let it not be divided. We have glorious traditions, let us not put a blot upon them. We have inherited obligations, let us not repudiate them. The Church of the English martyrs—their blood should sprinkle it from some accusations—the Church of our own fathers, which sheltered them and protected our childhood, is it not good enough for us? You may say, "for how long shall we have the Church as it is?" I answer, "forever," if we change it not—and we, for whom I speak, desire no change. Oh! think it possible, that we cannot save the ship, but that it must go ashore, except we all abide in it.

May GOD, our FATHER, with his continual pity, cleanse and defend His Church. May He bless His heritage and suffer us not to be brought to confusion.

And now, brethren beloved, commending you to GOD's gracious keeping, and beseeching Him to strengthen, stablish and settle you, for His dear Son's sake, I am yours, faithfully,

RICH'D H. WILMER,

Bishop of Alabama.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA, May 13th, 1874.

APPENDIX B.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 14, 1874.

J. H. FITTS,

In Account Current with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1873.		*DR.*	
May 14.—		To Balance, as per account rendered,	$1,271 63
		To Amount from—	
"	15.—	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,'	30 00
"	" —	J. W. DuBose, St. Michael's, Marengo Co.,	96 25
"	" —	R. M. Nelson, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Selma,	100 00
"	" —	Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, on acc't. St. Paul's, Decatur,	22 00
"	" —	Dr. Hamilton, Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	12 50
"	" —	Jos. W. Field, St. Paul's, Spring Hill,	25 00
"	" —	W. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Church, Eufaula,	85 00
"	" —	Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	27 50
"	" —	Rev. J. F. Smith, Talladega Mission,	12 50
"	" —	D. Buel, Treas. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	50 00
June	7.—	David Minge, St. Michael's, Marengo Co.,	7 25
July	7.—	A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	7 30
"	23.—	S. W. Howland, Treas. St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	37 50
Aug.	1.—	Wm. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	43 75
"	" —	J. McKee Gould, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	20 63
"	" —	J. B. Head, St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	16 25
"	6.—	F. T. Copp, Treas. Trinity Parish, Mobile,	151 25
"	11.—	J. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	6 25
"	" —	Theo. Lacy, Treas. Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	137 50
"	12.—	D. F. Prout, Treas. Trinity Church, Demopolis,	43 25
"	" —	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	50 00
"	13.—	Rev. DeB. Waddell, Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	7 50
"	15.—	W. R. Deloach, Treas. St. James' Parish, Livingston,	16 50
"	" —	Henry Barnewall, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	220 00
"	18.—	Jno. W. DuBose, Treas. St. Michael's Parish, Marengo Co.,	31 25
"	23.—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	12 50
"	" —	Alfred A. Girard, St. John's Church, Mobile,	75 00
"	" —	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's Church, Montgomery,*	320 00
"	27.—	Rev. J. F. Smith, Talladega Mission,	10 00
Sept.	8.—	Dr. S. Hamilton, Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	10 00
"	18.—	R. M. Nelson, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Selma,	125 00
"	26.—	Benj. Reynolds, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	13 75
Oct.	7.—	A. K. Hall, Grace Church, Portland,	10 00
"	22.—	Rev. T. G. Pond, St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	41 25
"	29.—	Wm. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	43 75
"	" —	Benj. F. Herr, St. James' Parish, Livingston,	10 00
		To amount carried forward,	$3,199 81

		To amount brought forward,	$3,199 81
Nov.	7.—	J. B. Head, Treas. St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	16 25
"	11.—	F. T. Copp, Treas. Trinity Church, Mobile,	151 25
"	14.—	Jas. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	6 25
"	"—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	12 50
"	"—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	12 50
"	17.—	D. F. Prout, Trinity Church, Demopolis,	43 50
"	22.—	E. N. C. Snow, Treas. Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	125 00
"	26.—	J. McKee Gould, Treas. St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	20 65
"	28.—	Jno. W. DuBose, St. Michael's, Marengo Co.,	31 25
Dec.	2.—	A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	4 00
"	4.—	Rev. T. G. Pond, St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	25 00
"	18.—	A. K. Hall, Grace Church, Portland,	14 20
"	24.—	Rev. T. G. Pond, St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	8 75
1874.			
Jan.	2.—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's, Montgomery,	250 00
"	"—	D. Buel, Treas. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	27 50
"	14.—	Francis S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	220 00
"	27.—	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	50 00
"	29.—	J. F. Smith, Talladega Mission,	10 00
"	30.—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	12 50
"	"—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	7 00
Feb.	14.—	F. T. Copp, Treas. Trinity Church, Mobile,	151 25
"	16.—	A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	5 60
"	"—	W. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	43 75
"	"—	Jno. W. DuBose, Treas. St. Michael's Parish, Macon,	31 25
"	27.—	S. W. Howland, Treas. St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	18 75
"	"—	J. McKee Gould, Treas. St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	20 65
Mar.	5.—	J. B. Head, Treas. St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	32 50
"	9.—	Francis S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	150 00
"	"—	D. F. Prout, Treas. Trinity Church, Demopolis,	43 50
"	13.—	J. McKee Gould, Treas. St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	26 65
"	14.—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St, John's Church, Montgomery,	250 00
April	2.—	Francis S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	150 00
"	6.—	A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	3 20
"	10.—	W. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	43 75
"	"—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	12 50
"	"—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	5 50
"	11.—	Alfred A. Girard, Treas. St. John's Church, Mobile,	150 00
"	30.—	Rev. F. B. Lee, St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	40 00
May	7.—	J. Y. Cartwell, Treas. St. Paul's, Decatur,	38 00
"	9.—	Alfred A. Girard, St. John's Church, Mobile,	75 00
"	"—	E. N. C. Snow, Treas. Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	125 00
"	13.—	Rev. J. A. Massey, Trinity Church, Mobile,	151 25
"	"—	Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	25 00
"	"—	Mr. Joel White, St. John's Church, Montgomery,	100 00
"	"—	F. S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	140 00
"	"—	Jos. Martin, Treas. Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	412 50
"	"—	Rev. T. G. Pond, St. Wilfrid's Marion,	25 00
"	"—	Mr. C. L. Stickney, St. Paul's, Greensboro',	32 50
"	"—	C. B. Kellar, Treas. Trinity Church, Union Springs,	7 50
"	"—	R. M. Nelson, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Selma,	375 00
"	"—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	60 00
			$6,993 51

1873.		CR.	
	By	Amount paid—	
May 15.—		Bishop Wilmer on Salary, 1872 and 1873,	$1,000 00
" 19.—		for Stationery for Convention, to Manly & Co.,	1 80
" " —		" Premium on Policy, Bishop Wilmer,	129 25
July 8.—		to Bishop Wilmer, on account Salary 1872 and 1873,	500 00
Aug. 1.—		Henry Farrow & Co., Printing,	361 60
" " —		Envelopes,	1 50
" 16.—		Printing Notices, Receipts and Drafts, R. Randolph & Co.,	10 50
" 30.—		Two Drafts on A. R. Bell returned unpaid, $70 and $250,*	320 00
Oct. 28.—		Draft No. 10,447, on Bank of Mobile, for Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	260 00
" " —		Draft No. 2692, on Foster & Gardner, for Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	500 00
1874.			
Jan. 6.—		Amount paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	500 00
Feb. 7.—		Amount paid Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,	500 00
Mar. 19.—		To Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, acc't of Salary, '73—'74	500 00
Apr. 18.—		Annuity to Mrs. Lucy H. L. Cobbs,	500 00
May 7.—		Envelopes,	2 50
" 13.—		Paid for New York Exchange, by J. Martin, Treas.	1 00
" " —		Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer	1,300 00
" " —		By Balance due Diocese, (carried over.)	605 36
			$6,993 51

1874—May 14—To Balance in hands of Treasurer..... $ 605 36

RECAPITULATION.

Receipts from the 14th May, 1873 to 14th May, 1874		$6,993 51
Disbursements same period	$6,388 15	
Cash on hand	605 36	
	$6,993 51	$ 6,993 51

RESOURCES.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	$ 605 36
Arrearages $2,419 04, about half of which will probably be collected,	1,200 00
	$1,805 36

LIABILITIES.

To Balance of Bishop's Salary 1873 and 1874, ... $1,200 00

(E. and O. E.)

EUFAULA, May 14th, 1874.

J. H. FITTS,
Treas. Diocese of Ala.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to submit the following Report:

The interest collected by the Treasurer since May 15th, 1873, as shown by his report to the last Convention is, including balance then on hand, Nine Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Forty Cents, of which Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars have been invested in a Bond of the City of Selma, for One Thousand Dollars.

The interest on the Loan to St. John's Church, Montgomery, has not been paid, but the Trustees have proposed to extend it until the 1st May, 1875, with the addition of interest thereon. The undersigned would call attention to the gratifying fact that the Fund is nearly double what it was when it was confided to their care. They hope, by careful management and investment of the interest annually, to realize the expectations of the founders, and eventually to support the Bishop without Assessments on the Parishes. They feel satisfied that this desirable end can be accomplished.

The undersigned cannot close this Report without adverting to the death of their late colleague, Dr. ALBERT G. MABRY. In his death the Church has lost an earnest and faithful member, who was devoted to her interests and teachings.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
GEO. O. BAKER.

SELMA, May 14th, 1874.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with BISHOP'S FUND of Diocese of Ala.

1873.		*DR.*	
May 14.—	To	Balance due on last Report,	$ 40 85
" 17.—	"	Interest collected on note of Sam. Edwards,	34 55
July 1.—	"	July interest on 3 City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 54, 58,	60 00
Sept. 1.—	"	September interest on 8 Selma Gas Co. Bonds,	160 00
1874.			
Jan'y 1.—	"	Jan'y interest on 3 City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 54, 58,	60 00
" "	"	Annual interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson,	400 00
March 1.	"	March interest on 8 Selma Gas Co. Bonds,	160 00
			$915 40

1874. *CR.*

Jany 1.—By Cash paid for Bond of City of Selma, No. 116, ($1,000)	$750	00
To Balance on hand	165	40
	$915	40

N. H. R. DAWSON,
Treasurer.

SELMA, ALA., May 14th, 1874.

APPENDIX D.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer*,

In Account with the DIOCESAN MISSION FUND OF ALABAMA.

1873. *DR.*

May 15.—	To back dues from several Parishes, through R. M. Nelson, Esq.,	$ 152	65
" 19.—	Balance from former Treasurer,	708	11
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	266	55
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	40	00
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	65	30
	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	31	35
	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	34	45
	Trinity Church, Demopolis,	69	10
	St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,	6	90
	St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.,	34	75
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	8	20
	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	12	45
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	29	50
	Grace Church, Portland,	39	80
	St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	9	70
	Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	18	10
	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	300	00
	St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro',	23	55
	St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,	12	00
	Church of the Redeemer, Seale's Station,	14	00
	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	28	00
	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	27	60
	St. Mary's Church, Camden,	15	50
	Christ Church, Mobile,	258	28
	Trinity Church, Mobile,	60	00
	St. John's Church, Mobile,	50	00
	Advanced by the Bishop, from Church Home Funds	500	00
		$ 2,815	84

1873. *CR.*

	By paid the Bishop's Drafts in favor of—	Voucher No.	
May 2.—	Rev. J. D. Gibson,	1	$ 50 00
" "—	" Wm. Brittain,	2	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	3	50 00
" 16.—	" Wm. Brittain,	4	100 00
" 19.—	" DeB. Waddell,	5	50 00
" 31.—	" F. B. Lee,	6	201 91
June 11.—	" P. A. Fitts,	7	100 00
" "—	" W. J. Perdue,	8	85 00
" 20.—	" DeB. Waddell,	9	100 00
July 4.—	" T. G. Pond,	10	50 00
" 7.—	Messrs. E. P. Dutton & Co., (Mission Books,)	11	43 50
" "—	Rev. J. D. Gibson,	12	100 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	13	50 00
" 14.—	" F. B. Lee,	14	50 00
Aug. 1.—	Messrs. Henry Farrow & Company, printing Checks and Quarterly Reports,	15	17 75
July 31.—	Rev. P. A. Fitts,	16	50 00
Aug. 14.—	" R. A. Cobbs,	17	50 00
" 15.—	" J. F. Smith,	18	50 00
" 26.—	" J. H. Ticknor,	19	50 00
Oct. 10.—	" T. G. Pond,	20	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	21	50 00
" 17.—	" Wm. Brittain,	22	50 00
" "—	" W. J. Perdue,	23	75 00
" 27.—	" F. W. Damus,	24	30 00
Sept. 6.—	" J. M. Robertson,	25	25 00
Nov. 12.—	" J. H. Ticknor,	26	57 25
Dec. 9.—	" Peter Wager,	27	100 00
" 10.—	" J. D. Gibson,	28	32 00
Jan. 1.—	" J. M. Robertson,	29	50 00
" 7.—	" DeB. Waddell,	30	100 00
" 9.—	" J. F. Smith,	31	35 00
" 21.—	" J. F. Smith,	32	65 00
" 22.—	" Peter Wager,	33	50 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	34	50 00
" 26.—	" J. D. Gibson,	35	32 00
" 29.—	" T. G. Pond,	36	50 00
" "—	" Wm. Brittain,	37	50 00
Feb. 16.—	" J. M. Robertson,	38	16 90
Mar. 12.—	" J. H. Ticknor,	39	18 10
" "—	" R. A. Cobbs,	40	28 55
" "—	" B. F. Mower,	41	9 70
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	42	9 00
" 14.—	J. W. Hopkins, Esq. (for Church at Madison Station,)	43	25 00
Apr. 17.—	Rev. F. B. Lee,	44	34 80
" 18.—	Books, Tracts, &c.,	45	30 00
" 22.—	Church at Birmingham,	46	200 00
	Envelopes and Postage,		5 80
	Balance		188 58
			$2,815 84

STEPHENS CROOM,
Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Fund.

MAY 13th, 1874.

Report of Committee on "Parochial Funds,"

[From Journal of 1873—Re-published by order of Convention.]

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address, relating to the increasing of the Funds for Parochial and Benevolent Operations, have given the subject their careful consideration, and are forced to the conviction that the present system of raising funds for Diocesan Missions, by each Rector pledging his Parish for a specified amount, is not founded upon correct principles, has been very unsatisfactory in results, and should be abandoned. The Committee recommend that the system of individual pledges given through the Offertory, be adopted, and for the purpose of enabling each Clergyman to put the same in immediate, systematic and successful operation, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to obtain from each Communicant a written pledge, (to be given through the Offertory,) to pay a specific amount, weekly, during the year, for Missions and other charities.

2. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to appoint a suitable person, or persons, to collect weekly or monthly, the weekly pledges which are not redeemed through the Offertory in an envelope to be provided for that purpose.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to transmit, monthly, to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, amounts received from such pledges.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund to make out Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements, and transmit a copy to each Rector in the Diocese.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rector shall read to his parishioners the Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements sent him by the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

In order to show what may be accomplished by a well digested system of individual pledges, entered into by the Clergy and assisted by one or two zealous Laymen, your Committee present the following:

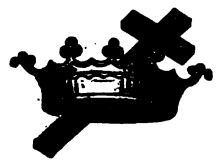
They think pledges might be obtained from

500 Communicants of	5 cents per week,	or	$ 2 60 per year,	$ 1,300 00
1000.....do.....	10..do.....do.....		5 20....do.....	5,200 00
500.....do.....	25..do.....do.....		13 00....do.....	6,500 00
500.....do.....	50..do.....do.....		26 00....do.....	13,000 00
500.....do.....	100..do.....do.....		52 00....do.....	26,000 00
				$52,000 00

Your Committee are fully assured that this system, properly presented and persevered in, would be fruitful of good results in many ways, and they unanimously recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. COBBS, Chairman.
THOS. J. BEARD,
J. J. CLEMENS,
W. H. BEATTY,
J. H. FITTS.



In Memory

OF

Francis R. Hanson, Presbyter;

WHO WAS

Born in Durham, Charles County, Md., March 27, 1807;

Graduated at the Theological Seminary of the Diocese of Virginia in 1833;

Ordained Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Richard Channing Moore, in the Monumental Church, Richmond, Va., May 19, 1833;

AND WAS

Ordained Priest by the Rt. Rev. William Murray Stone, in St. Peter's Church, Easton, Md., May 30, 1834.

From 1851 to 1873 he was Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station, Ala.

AND

Died in Baltimore Md., October 21, 1873.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."
[Rev. Ch. II: Ver. 10.

In Memory

OF

Charles H. Coley, Presbyter.

Born in New York City, January 1st, 1831.

Ordained Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, in St. Paul's Church, Augusta, Ga., June 27th, 1857.

Ordained Priest by the Rt. Rev. Stephen Elliott, in Emmanuel Church, Athens, Ga., May 22d, 1859.

Died in Demopolis, Alabama, March 26th, 1874.

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course: I have kept the faith."—[2 TIMOTHY Ch. IV: Ver. 7.

In Memory

OF

David Stuart Hamilton, Deacon;

Born at Sackville, Nova Scotia, September 1st, 1825.

Graduated at King's College, Nova Scotia, June 30, 1847.

Ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Alabama, in Trinity Church, Mobile, on the 18th day of May, being the 5th Sunday after Easter, 1873.

Died at Tuskaloosa, Alabama, on the 4th day of May 1874; Aged 48 years.

"Well done thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

[St. Matthew XXV : 21.

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Form of Certificate for Lay Deputies.

THIS CERTIFIES That at a Meeting of the Vestry of———Church, at——— held on———day of———18——A, B, C, and D, who are hereby declared to be Communicants of the said Parish, were duly elected Lay Deputies, to represent the same in the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, at its Session, to be held at———in the year of our Lord 18——

PARISH OR CHURCH.	When admitted into Union.	Baptisms.			Confirmations.	Marriages.	Funerals.	Communican			
		Adults.	Infants.	TOTAL.				At last report.	Added.	Died.	Removed
Christ Church, Mobile	1830	..	...	14	25	7	12	....	....	..	..
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	1830	6	14	20	22	3	6	122	38	3	1
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	1830	..	26	26	11	5	10	128	21	3	2
Trinity Church, Demopolis	1835	1	17	18	13	..	5	67	13	1	
St. James' Church, Livingston	1836	5	2	7	2	..	2	44	....	..	
St. John's Church, Montgomery	1837	..	...	56	31	11	45	418	....	6	1
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	1838	..	6	6	4	2	6	68	5	1	
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	1838	..	...	20	11	3	16	235	....	6	4
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	1839	..	...	6	1	..	2	55	3	..	
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	1840	..	2	2	...	..	...	31	1	..	.
Trinity Church, Florence	1840	4	18	22	7	..	2	38	8	1	.
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	1843	..	...	5	11	9	10	220	11	3	.
St. David's Church, Dallas County,	1844	..	5	5	3	2	5	17	4	1	
*St. Andrew's Church, Macon	1844	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	1845	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.
St. James' Church, Eufaula	1845	..	8	8	12	1	6	78	9	3	
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	1846	..	6	6	5	4	9	27	7	2	
Trinity Church, Mobile	1847	..	...	97	26	20	42	503	....	8	2
St. Mark's Church, Greene County	1847	..	4	4	4	3	1	24	....	1	
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	1849	1	4	5	5	..	1	49	6	1	
*St. John's Church, Elyton	1851	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	..	.
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	1853	..	2	2	..	2	2	39	1	1	
St. John's Church, Mobile	1854	7	56	63	48	10	36	365	113	8	1
St. Mary's Church, Camden,	1855	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	1866	4	3	7	5	1	4	31	9	..	
Grace Church, Portland,	1869	..	...	...	4	1	...	33	3	..	.
*Calvary Church, Choctaw County	1859	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.
St. Paul's Church, Mobile	1859	..	...	...	3	1	2	34	1	..	.
*St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville	1859	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	1867	.	4	4	5	..	2	45	....	1	
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	1867	.	...	5	8	1	3	30	13	1	
*St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	1870	..	...	...	..	..	...	....	....	..	.
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	1870	..	...	5	...	..	3	57	...	..	.
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee,	1869	10	3	13	18	2	3	39	11	..	
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	1874	2	1	3	2	..	3	48	8	1	
Church of the Redeemer, Scale	1873	..	...	4	3	..	...	28	....	..	.
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	1873	..	1	1	1	..	1	27	4	..	
Trinity Church, Union Springs	1873	..	...	4	3	2	...	22	...	..	
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	....	..	...	1	...	1	...	29	....	..	.
St. John's Church, Madison Station	....	..	...	6	4	1	1	16	4	..	.
Montevallo Mission	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	14	...	..	.
Faunsdale Colored Mission	....	1	11	12	12	2	1	...	....	..	.
*Church of the Advent, Birmingham	....	..	...	...	16	..	..	....	....	..	.
TOTALS	....	41	193	401	334	93	252	....	....	..	.

* From Report for 1873.

e Diocese.			
Otherwise.....	TOTAL.....	Other Contributions for Church Purposes.	TOTAL EXPENDITURES.
....	.....	$ 800 00	$ 9,964 62
....	.....	.....	4,820 29
....	$ 29 10	.....	1,518 23
....	5 00	.....	2,072 65
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....	.....	.....	7,847 00
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36 25	36 25	153 42	8,293 05
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1 40	.....	.....	2,266 52
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Diocese of Alabama.

Forty-Fourth Annual Convention.

May 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th,

1875.

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1893.

OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Protestant Episcopal Church,

IN THE

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

HELD IN

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA,

May 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th,

A. D. 1875.

MOBILE:
HENRY FARROW & CO., PRINTERS.
1875.

List of the Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

	Post Office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity,	Huntsville.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,	Mobile.
" *LOUIS BISSEY,	———
" *R. A. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,	Lowndesboro.
" R. H. COBBS, St. Paul's Church,	Greensboro.
" *THOMAS A. COOK,	
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church,	Eufaula.
" *ALEXANDER I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church,	Mobile.
" PHILIP A. FITTS, Church of the Advent,	Birmingham.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,	Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,	Carlowville.
" W. J. LEMON, St. James' Church,	Livingston.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" OGLE MARBURY, Trinity Church,	Demopolis.
" SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., Holy Cross,	Uniontown.
" *W. J. PERDUE, Missionary,	Gadsden.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON, Missionary,	Huntsville.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Mark's and St. James',	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Missionary,	Talladega.
" *WILLIAM A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church,	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's,	Montgomery.
" *J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church,	Opelika.
" DEB. WADDELL, Missionary,	Eufaula.

DEACONS.

" CHARLES E. CABANISS, assisting,	Huntsville.
" PETER WAGER, officiating,	Florence.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

EDWARD L. STICKNEY,.....Marion.
JAMES A. VAN HOOSE,.....Sewanee.
DANIEL F. HOKE,.....Sewanee.
R. M. JARVIS,.....Selma.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
R. M. JARVIS, Selma.
J. W. CLAY, Huntsville,
ASA J. ROBERTS, Mobile.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro,
DAVID H. MINGE, Marengo Co.,
JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
W. Y. TITCOMB, Evergreen.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro,
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is Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, stone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

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is Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, ıe, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and ›y.

CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

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is Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, ·, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

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is Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, ·ll, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, ıdes and Autauga.

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REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Dean.

is Convocation, for the present, will embrace the city of Mobile and adjacent.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile—
*R. S. Bunker,
*Dan'l McNeill,
F. B. Clark,
Stephens Croom,
*F. S. Parker.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—
S. J. Leach,
W. A. Cochran,
J. H. Fitts,
P. Bryce,
E. N. C. Snow.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—
Wm. Berg,
R. M. Nelson,
*R. M. Jarvis.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—
*L. P. Walker,
*P. M. Dox,
*Milton Humes,
*J. J. McDavid.

St. James' Church, Eufaula—
H. R. Shorter,
H. C. Hart,
W. H. Bray,
*R. H. Carver,
*A. H. Leftwich.

Trinity Church, Mobile—
*W. G. Jones,
*H. T. Toulmin,
*R. Moore,
*M. E. Macartney,
*R. Adams.

St. John's Church, Mobile—
H. H. Cribbs,
W. T. Walthall,
James Bond,
Richard Wildman,
*W. H. Beatty.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—
R. Tyler,
R. F. Michel,
John L. Cobbs,
B. L. Wyman.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—
*J. R. Robertson,
C. B. Whitfield.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—
C. L. Stickney,
*A. S. Jeffries,
*R. H. Stickney,
*A. Benners,
*C. E. Waller.

St. James' Church, Livingston—
*Thos. Cobbs,
B. F. Herr,
*J. G. Whitfield,
W. R. DeLoach,
*J. M. Quarles.

Trinity Church, Union Springs—
*H. H. Tompkins,
D. F. McCall,
*C. B. Keller.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County—
J. W. McAlpin,
*A. Y. Glover,
*P. B. Minor.
*J. McK. Gould.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham—
*J. R. Powell,
R. H. Pearson,
*G. W. Hewitt,
*M. T. Jordan,
L. A. Howser.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—
*S. M. Wilson,
*T. J. Judge,
*David Buel.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'—
H. H. Whetstone,
*J. P. Wilson.

Those marked thus [*] were not in attendance.

Journal of Proceedings.

ıe Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Protestant Epis-
l Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Christ
rch, Tuskaloosa, on the 26th day of May, 1875.

t 10½ o'clock A. M. Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. S.
MITH, Rev. S. E. NORTON, M. D., and Rev. DEB. WADDELL.
Ante-Communion Service was read by Rev. F. B. LEE;
Epistle by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY, and the Gospel by the Rt.
R. H. WILMER, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese.

ıe Sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW,
the text: 3d Epistle of St. John, 8th verse:

"Fellowhelpers to the truth."

ıe Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the
op of the Diocese, assisted by Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, Rector
ıe Parish.

fter service the Convention retired to the Circuit Court
n, where it was called to order by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop
e Diocese, who presented the following:

ist of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1875.

RIGHT REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. F. W. DAMUS,
" T. J. BEARD,	" J. C. DAVIS,
" R. A. COBBS,	" PHILIP A. FITTS,
" R. H. COBBS,	" GEO. H. HUNT,
" F. B. LEE,	" W. J. PERDUE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" OGLE MARBURY,	" S. U. SMITH,
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D.	" J. F. SMITH,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.	" W. A. STICKNEY,
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.	" DEB. WADDELL,
" *C. E. CABANISS,	" *W. J. LEMON,

*Rev. PETER WAGER.

entitled to vote.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll as thus presented and the following answered to their names, viz:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D.D.

Rev. T. J. BEARD,	Rev. R. H. COBBS,
" J. C. DAVIS,	" PHILIP A. FITTS,
" GEO. H. HUNT,	" F. B. LEE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	" OGLE MARBURY,
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D.	" S. U. SMITH,
" J. F. SMITH,	" H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.
" DEB. WADDELL,	" C. E. CABANISS,
" W. J. LEMON,	" PETER WAGER,

Total present—the Bishop, 14 Presbyters and 3 Deacons.

The Treasurer of the Diocese, in compliance with the Canon, presented the following List of Parishes entitled to representation:

St. John's Church, Montgomery,	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	St. James' Church, Livingston,
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	St. James' Church, Eufaula,
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,	Trinity Church, Mobile,
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	St. John's Church, Mobile,
Church of The Nativity, Huntsville,	St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called and the Credentials of Lay Deputies were laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. T. J. BEARD, S. U. SMITH and SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D.

The Committee on Credentials reported that the following Lay Deputies were entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

S. J. Leach, W. A. Cochran, J. H. Fitts,
P. Bryce, E. N. C. Snow.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

J. R. Robertson, C. B. Whitfield.

St. James' Church, Livingston.

Thos. Cobbs, B. F. Herr, J. G. Whitfield,
W. R. DeLoach, J. M. Quarles.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

R. Tyler, R. F. Michel,
John L. Cobbs, B. L. Wyman.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

Wm. Berg, R. M. Nelson, M. R. Jarvis.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

H. R. Shorter, H. C. Hart, W. H. Bray,
R. H. Carver, A. H. Leftwich.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

W. G. Jones, H. T. Toulmin, R. Moore,
M. E. Macartney, R. Adams.

St. Mark's Church, Greene County.

J. W. McAlpin, A. Y. Glover,
P. B. Minor, J. McK. Gould.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

H. H. Cribbs, W. T. Walthall, James Bond,
Richard Wildman, W. H. Beatty.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

H. H. Whetstone, J. P. Wilson.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

J. R. Powell, R. H. Pearson, G. W. Hewitt,
M. T. Jordan, L. A. Howser.

Their names being called the following were found to be present:

Messrs. S. J. Leach, Messrs. J. H. Fitts, Messrs. P. Bryce,
W. A. Cochran, E. N. C. Snow, W. R. DeLoach,
Robert Tyler, R. F. Michel, John L. Cobbs,
B. L. Wyman, William Berg, R. M. Nelson,
H. R. Shorter, W. H. Bray, H. C. Hart,
H. H. Cribbs, Rich'd Wildman, L. A. Howser,
H. H. Whetstone.

Total 19; representing eight Parishes.

A quorum being present the President announced the Convention organized.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted.

The Rule of Order was, on motion, suspended, and the announcement by the President, of Standing Committees, was postponed till to-morrow (Thursday) at 9½ o'clock A. M.

Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented from St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro, and Trinity Parish, Union Springs, under the ruling of the President, that the arrears of those Parishes for the year ending May, 1874, had been remitted by the last Convention.

These Credentials were reported to be in proper form, and Messrs. C. L. Stickney, A. S. Jeffries, R. H. Stickney, A. Benners, C. E. Waller, of St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro, and Messrs. H. H. Tompkins, D. F. McCall, C. B. Keller, of

Trinity Parish, Union Springs, entitled to seats. Their names being called Mr. C. L. STICKNEY, and Mr. D. F. MCCALL appeared and took their seats.

The following was presented:

Resolved, That the Resolution adopted by the last Convention to the effect: "That the interest on hand and the amount collected from and after the 14th day of May by the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese for the credit of the Convention Fund until otherwise ordered," be and is hereby repealed, and that the interest now in the hands of the Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund be retained by the Trustees thereof for incorporation with the Fund, with a view to re-investment and future accumulation.

This resolution was lost by a unanimous vote.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Sessions of this Convention shall continue daily from 9½ o'clock A. M. to 3½ o'clock P. M.

On motion the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., May 27th, 1875.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

After prayer by the President the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., and Rev. PETER WAGER, and Messrs. JAMES BOND, C. B. WHITFIELD and R. H. PEARSON appeared and took their seats.

Certificates of Election of Lay Deputies were presented from Christ Church, Mobile, Church of The Nativity, Huntsville, and St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, and reported in due form.

Messrs. R. S. BUNKER, DAN'L MCNEILL, F. B. CLARK, STEPHENS CROOM, F. S. PARKER, of Christ Church, Mobile; L. P. WALKER, P. M. DOX, J. J. MCDAVID, MILTON HUMES, of The Church of The Nativity, Huntsville, and S. M. WILSON, T. J. JUDGE, DAVID BUEL, of St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, were declared to be entitled to seats in the Convention. Their names being called, Mr. F. B. CLARK, appeared and took his seat.

The Bishop then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. S. U. Smith, Rev. J. C. Davis, Rev. F. B. Lee, Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. J. F. Smith, and Messrs. S. J. Leach, R. F. Michel, Wm. Berg, W. H. Bray and H. H. Whetstone.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. Horace Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. P. A. Fitts, and Messrs. H. R. Shorter, Robert Tyler, James Bond and R. H. Pearson.

Committte on Finance.—Messrs. R. M. Nelson, J. H. Fitts, C. L. Stickney, J. L. Cobbs, H. C. Hart, W. R. DeLoach, H. H. Cribbs, L. A. Howser and F. B. Clark.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs and Rev. DeB. Waddell.

On motion the Bishop's Address was postponed till 11 o'clock A. M.

Reports from Committees appointed by last Convention being in order, the Committee on the Monument to Bishop COBBS reported said Monument as nearly completed, and promised that it should be erected by the last of June.

On motion the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and the same were laid upon the Secretary's table and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Rev. Dr. MASSEY presented and read the Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

MOBILE, ALA., May 24th, 1875.

To the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Standing Committee herewith submit a report of their acts since the last Convention, to-wit:

1874.—June 22d.—The Committee organized by the election of Rev. Dr. J. A. MASSEY as President and JAMES BOND as Secretary.

1874.—June 30.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the admission of Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D. to Priest's Orders.

1874.—Dec. 7.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the admission of Rev. JAMES HORACE STRINGFELLOW to Priest's Orders.

1874.—Dec. 7.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the Consecration of Rev. JOHN SCARBOROUGH, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, and of Rev. THOMAS UNDERWOOD DUDLEY, Jr., D. D., as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Kentucky.

1875.—Jan. 4.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the Consecration of Rev. GEORGE DENORMANDIE GILLESPIE, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Western Michigan.

1875.—March 1st.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the Consecration of Rev. THOMAS A. JAGGAR, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, and of Rev. JAMES DEKOVEN, D. D., as Bishop of the Diocese of Illinois.

1875.—May 24th.—The Committee signed the Canonical Testimonials and consent to the admission of Rev. WILLIAM J. LEMON to Priest's Orders.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being next in order the President appointed as Tellers Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. W. R. DELOACH.

Pending the counting of the ballots, a resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Canons, instructing them to prepare and report a Canon, securing some changes in regard to the Diocesan Printer.

A Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Finance, requesting the remission of the sum of Thirty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents now due from the Montevallo Mission.

The ballots having been counted, the following Standing Committee of the Diocese was declared duly elected:

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. WM. G. JONES,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	F. B. CLARK,
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, D. D.	JAMES BOND.

A Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Canons, in regard to such change in the Constitution as shall entitle Deacons to a vote in the Convention.

On motion, the election of Deputies to the General Convention was postponed till the next Convention.

The Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund were presented, and a motion was made to refer them to the Committee on Finance. It was moved to amend, by referring these Reports to a Special Committee of Five, which amendment was adopted. The President appointed on this Special Committee, Messrs. JAMES BOND, H. R. SHORTER, F. B. CLARK, W. H. BRAY, and J. L. COBBS.

A draft of a Canon in relation to the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was presented and referred to the Committee on Canons.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address to the Convention. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to Missions be referred to the Convention sitting as a Committee of the Whole, and be made the Order of the Day for Friday, at 10 o'clock A. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the financial points touched in the Address, relating to the property of the late Mr. GIBSON, and the sum belonging to the Ladies of Gainesville, be referred to a Special Committee of Three.

The President appointed on this Committee Rev. T. J. BEARD, Mr. JAMES BOND and Mr. F. B. CLARK.

The remaining portions of the Address were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Miscellaneous Business being in order a communication from the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention [See Appendix E.] was presented and referred to the Committee on Canons.

An invitation was extended to the Convention from Trinity Church, Demopolis, and a motion was made, that the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in that Church on the last Wednesday in May, 1876.

It was moved to amend by striking out Trinity Church, Demopolis, and inserting "St. Paul's Church, Selma," which motion was lost. The original Resolution was then voted on and adopted.

The Convention then took a recess for half an hour, at the expiration of which time, it re-assembled and was called to order.

The Committee on Canons made the following Report, which was received, and the Resolutions adopted.

The Committee on Canons beg respectfully to report, that they have considered the matters referred to them, and have resolved to submit the following Resolutions to the consideration of the Convention:

1. *Resolved*, That Article III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "be a Presbyter and," so as to read, that no Clerical member shall be entitled to vote in the Convention, unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding.

2. *Resolved*, That the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, hereby consents to the proposed alterations in the Constitution of the General Church as adopted by the last General Convention, and do hereby instruct its Delegates to vote in favor of such amendments.

Respectfully, H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., Chairman.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, (Friday).

THIRD DAY.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., May 28th, 1875.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

Messrs. B. F. HERR, STEPHENS CROOM and W. T. WALTHALL, appeared and took their seats. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

A motion was made to postpone the Order of the Day, for the purpose of re-considering the vote by which Trinity Church, Demopolis, was selected as the place for holding the next Convention, which motion was lost.

It was then moved to re-consider the vote by which the Convention agreed to sit as a Committee of the Whole, which motion was also lost.

The Order of the Day was then called, and the Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole.

The Convention resumed its session, and the Committee on Finance made the following Report, which, on motion, was received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined and audited the Account Current of JAMES H. FITTS, as the Treasurer of the Diocese, showing receipts and disbursements from the 14th day of May, 1874, to the 27th day of May, 1875, and find that he has received from all sources, the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifteen Dollars and Thirty-eight Cents, including the balance on hand at the date of his last settlement, and that he has properly paid out and expended for and on account of the Diocese, and Convention, the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents, for all of which items of expenditure, good and sufficient vouchers were produced, and are herewith submitted, leaving in his hands in cash the sum of Sixteen Dollars and Ninety-eight Cents.

The Committee have made a thorough examination of the books kept by the Treasurer, and compared the same with the accounts and vouchers submitted, and cannot but express their approval of the correct and excellent manner in which they are kept, and their appreciation of the zeal and fidelity with which he has dischargad the onerous and responsible duties of his office.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.
H. C. HART,
LEWIS A. HOWSER,
JNO. L. COBBS,
CHARLES L. STICKNEY,
W. R. DELOACH,
FRANCIS B. CLARK,
HARVEY H. CRIBBS.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the financial questions referred to in the Bishop's Address, made a Report which, on motion, was recommitted to them for amendment.

The Treasurer of Diocesan Missions presented his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Unfinished Business presented the following Report, which was received, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report: That all the business they find referred by the last to this Convention, is the consideration of what is known as the Majority Report, in reference to the propriety of so amending the Constitution and Canons as to render the concurrent consent of Bishop, Clergy and Laity necessary to the validity of legislation.

We notice that the last Convention failed to take action on two Resolutions brought to its attention from the preceding Convention, viz:

1st. That a Committee, to be called "The Committee on the preparation of Business," be appointed by the Chair, whose duty it shall be, during the intervals between the Conventions, to receive suggestions touching the interests of the Diocese, and to prepare new business to be introduced in Convention.

2d. That the Committee on Canons be instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending Title I, Canon I, §2, as to require each Parish to elect one Lay Delegate, who shall act as Delegate to the Convention for the term of at least three years.

R. H. COBBS,
DEB. WADDELL.

The Select Committee of Five on the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, made the following Report, and offered the accompanying Resolutions:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund and the Annual Account of the Treasurer of the Trustees, having had the same under careful consideration, submit the following Report:

I. The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and found to be correct. The balance on hand at the date of the Report, to wit: $1,567.95 has, since the assembling of the Convention, been paid over to the Treasurer of this Convention.

Your Committee find the accounts of the Treasurer and the disposal of said balance are in conformity with the action of former Conventions and should be approved and confirmed.

II. The Committee have weighed the suggestion made by the Trustees in their Report, that the interest on the fund be held for accumulation. Upon information derived from the Finance Committee before whom this subject also had consideration, as well as upon the knowledge of the members of this Committee, we are satisfied that the due support of the Episcopate in these times of extreme depression, imperatively requires the use of the accruing

interest. The design and object of the fund was to secure the support of the Episcopate against the adversities of later times, and to relieve the parishes in times of distress. In the view of this Committee it is entirely within the spirit of the donation to apply the accruing interest to that object in this day, since the donors could not have anticipated any time of sorer need in this Diocese.

III. As to the recommendation of the Trustees that the few remaining notes belonging to the so-called Special Fund, be returned to the several parishes ; this Committee do recommend the adoption of the action suggested by the Trustees, and the return of those notes. The notes were given by individuals in the several parishes before the late war, and in some cases the enforcement of the debt now, would prove of great hardship. The parishes would be better judges, whether the notes ought to be enforced, or returned to the makers and the obligation cancelled. But your Committee suggest this condition ; that if the parish should hold the notes and collect the interest, then it should be applied towards the annual assessment upon the parish, and to no other purpose ; and that any of the principal collected should be handed over to the Trustees as part of the Permanent Fund.

IV. The investments made of the fund as well as your Committee are able to ascertain them in the absence of the Trustees, and their books and papers connected with the trust, appear to be as follows :

1. The sum of $5,000 originally due by the Trustees of the corporation of Hamner Hall, Montgomery, and secured by mortgage upon the property and buildings of that institution. This is a transaction begun many years ago, and was last before the Convention of 1870, when it took its present shape. The last transaction was on five years time and fell due on the first of May of this year, and one year's interest is now in arrear. The parish of St. John's, Montgomery, is bound for the payment of this debt. Your Committee recommend that the parish of St. John's, be urged to take steps to pay off this debt by such instalments, and at such time as will not be oppressive to that parish, with a view to the ultimate investment of the fund in the class of securities hereinafter indicated, and that in the meantime, the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund require a policy of insurance in their favor, to the amount of the debt, and that taxes and assessments if any, be punctually paid. From information, the Committee believe that with these precautions the debt is for the present, secure. The present Trustees had no agency or responsibility as to this investment.

2. Bonds of the funded debt of the City of Selma, to the amount of $2,500 ; the interest on which is being promptly paid.

3. Bonds of Selma Gas Light Co., amounting to $2,000, which this Committee understand to be past due and can be collected upon reasonable notice.

4. A loan of $5,000 to N. H. R. DAWSON ; we have seen no papers relating to this investment, but from the high character of Col. DAWSON, and the fact that as Trustee and Treasurer of the fund, he has been very zealous

in its collection and preservation, we doubt not that he has taken special care of the interests of the fund. We have verbal information that the loan is secured by mortgage on lands in Dallas county. We do not know on what time the loan was made nor when due.

5. A loan to JOEL E. MATHEWS of Selma, for $2,000, secured as stated in the Report of the Trustees by mortgage on real property in Selma. The duration of the loan is not stated.

6. A loan to SAMUEL EDWARDS of $400 on real estate in Selma.

The total of these investments is $16,900, to which add one year's interest due on the Hamner Hall loan, $400, making $17,300. There are some other securities, arising from investments made before the late war, not at present available.

V. The future support of the Episcopate, always a subject of much careful thought in this Diocese by our predecessors, and now of the deepest concern to us, to whom hope of prosperity is so long deferred, seems to your Committee to demand the placing beyond all ordinary contingencies the safety and preservation of this fund.

The present day is marked by the overthrow and destruction of great public enterprises, enormous losses of capital and credit, the annihilation of the value of the funds and securities of States, Municipalities and public Corporations of all kinds. The collapse of great monetary institutions, railway and other large companies has become so common as scarcely to attract attention, and to-day dismay and distress fall upon thousands who have trusted their means to such investments.

Real estate, ordinarily the safest security, has sunk, also, both in city and country, so as to be almost worthless for indemnity. No banker or capitalist will loan money upon them.

The Trustees have, with commendable diligence, gathered the remains of the two old funds to be found after the wreck of the war, and it becomes the solemn duty of this Convention to now supplement that work of the Trustees, by perpetuating in the most enduring form, and upon securities beyond doubt, the principal of this fund. The sacredness of the trust and its immense importance to this Diocese can scarcely be exaggerated.

The Committee, therefore, after the most careful consideration and much solicitude, deem it their duty to recommend that this Convention direct the Trustees to collect the Bonds now due from the Selma Gas Light Co., and to sell the Bonds of the City of Selma, and to call in all of said loans as speedily as practicable, without sacrifice or oppression; and that the Trustees be directed to invest the principal of said fund and accumulations and accretions to principal, as fast as thus realised, in Bonds of the United States, or of some of the older States of equal solidity and permanency, or other like securities.

The Committee are aware that the rate of interest will thereby be diminished, but in a fund of this character, safety must be the first, highest and paramount consideration. We are bound to hand down this fund to our suc-

cessors in the Church, unimpaired by any loss which our prudence and foresight can prevent, and we cannot ignore the obvious uncertainties in this day attending the usual and ordinary securities for loans, and we are bound to rise to that measure of duty and diligence, which the extraordinary contingencies of the times impose upon us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES BOND, Chairman.
W. H. BRAY,
HENRY R. SHORTER,
JOHN L. COBBS,
FRANCIS B. CLARK.

Resolved, That the number of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, be increased to five, to be selected from different parts of the Diocese.

Resolved, That in the re-investment of this fund, as recommended by the Committee, the unanimous concurrence of the trustees, shall be required, and also in any new investment that shall be made.

After a full discussion, the Report was, on motion, received and the Resolutions adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole presented the following Report:

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH, having had so much of the Annual Address of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese as refers to DIOCESAN MISSIONS, under consideration, have directed its Chairman to report to the Convention the recommendation: That the system of individual pledges of specific sums to be given through the Offertory, as adopted two years past, and re-affirmed by the last Convention, be continued in full force. And for the purpose of enabling each Clergyman to put the same in more effective, systematic and successful operation, it would further recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to obtain from each Communicant a written pledge (to be given through the Offertory,) to pay a specific amount, weekly, during the year, for Diocesan Missions.

2. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to appoint a suitable person, or persons, to collect weekly or monthly, the weekly pledges which are not redeemed through the Offertory in an envelope to be provided for that purpose.

3. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of each Rector to transmit, monthly, to the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, amounts received from such pledges.

4. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund to make out Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements, and transmit a copy to each Rector in the Diocese.

5. *Resolved*, That the Rector shall read to his parishioners the Quarterly Reports of receipts and disbursements sent him by the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, the Report was received and the Resolutions adopted.

The Special Committee of three presented the following Report:

1. The Select Committee to whom was referred so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the distribution of the funds arising under the Will of the late JAMES D. GIBSON, deceased, having considered the subject, respectfully report, that they are of opinion upon the facts stated in the Address, that the widow of Mr. GIBSON, there being no children, is entitled by law to a share of one-half of said estate, after payment of debts and expenses of administration, and can legally assert her right to the same in the Probate Court; but further, considering the manifest equity of the case, and to remove all doubt, we report, that this Convention do recommend to the Bishop to consent that the Probate Court, on final settlement, may decree to said widow one-half of the net proceeds of said estate after payment of all debts and charges.

2. In reference to the appropriation of the proceeds of the note of HORACE EVERETT, which was a fund created by the efforts of the Ladies of the Church at Gainesville, Ala.; the Committee are of opinion that the wishes and directions of said Ladies, ought largely to control in the disposition of that fund for purposes not contrary to the original intent, and that the appropriation towards the erection of a Rectory in Livingston, being a Church work and in the same county and among the same people, would be germane to the original purpose, and within the power and control that can reasonably be allowed to the Ladies who are the donors of the said fund.

The Committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Bishop, as Executor of the Will of JAMES D. GIBSON, deceased, be, and he is thereby, authorized, so far as this Convention is concerned as Beneficiary under said Will, to consent to a decree in the Probate Court of Mobile County, in favor of the Widow of said JAMES D. GIBSON, deceased, giving to her one-half of the proceeds of said Estate, and also to turn over to her certain articles of personal effects mentioned in the Bishop's Address.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishop be, and he is hereby, fully authorized to make such use of the proceeds of the Note of HORACE EVERETT, as the Ladies of the Church at Gainesville may designate, and may be approved by him and the Standing Committee of Advice on Church Property.

[Signed] THOS. J. BEARD, JAMES BOND, F. B. CLARK, } Committee.

This Report was, on motion, received and the Resolutions adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock, to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

FOURTH DAY.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., May 29th, 1875.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After prayers by the President, the roll was called, and a quorum was found to be present. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. MR. JOHN W. MCALPIN appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on the State of the Church made the following Report, which, on motion, was received.

The Committee on the State of the Church have given due consideration to the matters before them, and respectfully present the following Report:

A careful comparison of the accompanying summary of the Parochial Reports, with that presented to the last Convention, will show an increase in the number of Baptisms of 51; a decrease in the number of Confirmations of 36; a decrease in the number of Communicants of 20; a falling off of contributions to Diocesan Missions of $95.25, and a diminution of the total expenditures of the Church in the Diocese of near $18,000. These few items give at a glance, a general view of the progress of the Church. While it is sad to note the falling off in the offerings of the faithful for the work of the Church, it is sadder still to learn, as we do from the Address of our Beloved Father, the Bishop, that so many laborers have been driven from this field by necessity. This Committee sympathize as doubtless this whole Convention does, most deeply with him in the sorrow of parting from laborers so worthy of their hire. But with all this sadness, your Committee feel that there is much cause of thanksgiving for the present, and of hope for the future. The boughs of our glorious tree may not as yet run over the wall to bless the highways with her precious fruit, but she is not dead nor dying, she *is* bearing precious fruit. The large representation of Parishes in this Convention, the spirit of harmony and brotherly love and zealous interest in the Church's work, show precious fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT. The Diocese has fully met all her liabilities. Two Parishes whose houses of worship were destroyed by storm, give signs of renewed life and progress. The Church at Cahaba, which the last Convention thought to be dead, shows signs of earnest life. Another Parish deprived of its Pastor, evinces the same earnest life by constant and full attendance on the services by a Lay Reader. These are all signs of life, which encourage us to hope for the future, while not forgetting our omissions and failures of duty in the past.

In conclusion, your Committee feel assured, that the loving zeal enkindled by our discussions in this Convention, will, under GOD, result in increased life and fruitfulness in every part of our goodly heritage.

Signed, J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

A Resolution was introduced and referred to the Committee on Canons, in regard to such change as shall require the election of one Lay Deputy, who shall serve for three years.

The following Resolution was presented and on motion, unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered the Congregation of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and the citizens generally, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended by them to the members of this body.

On motion, it was Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be and is hereby directed to pay to the Sexton of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, Ten Dollars for services rendered during the session of the Convention.

On motion, it was Resolved, that the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay the Rev. R. H. COBBS, Fifty Dollars for services as Secretary to the Convention at its present session.

On motion, the Convention took up the Resolution in regard to the appointment of a Committee on the Preparation of Business.

The following substitute was proposed and adopted:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee, to be styled the Committee of New Business, and to consist of two Clergymen and three Laymen, be appointed by the Chair at each Annual Convention, to which Committee propositions contemplating future legislation touching the interests of the Diocese, may be referred during the intervals between Conventions.

The President appointed the following Committee:

REV. Dr. MASSEY, Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Mr. W. T. WALTHALL,
Mr. F. B. CLARK, Mr. M. E. MACARTNEY.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report, which was received and concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund for examination and report, have discharged the duties assigned them, and find that the items of expenditure charged in the Treasurer's account, are all supported by proper vouchers, and that the total expenditures have been $1,229.75, of which $500 was in re-payment of a loan for account of this Fund. The receipts for the year were $1,893.54, of which $200 is a loan from the Church Home Fund.

There appears to have been $663.69 in the hands of the Treasurer, at the date of his report, about $500 of which has since been drawn out, and the vouchers therefor will accompany the next Annual Report. The Treasurer has discharged his duties with faithful diligence and is entitled to the thanks of the Convention therefor.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.
F. B. CLARK,
W. R. DELOACH,
HARVEY H. CRIBBS,
J. H. FITTS,
H. C. HART,
CHAS. L. STICKNEY,
JNO. L. COBBS.

The Committee on Canons presented the following Report and accompanying Resolutions; the Report was, on motion, received, and the Resolutions, after some amendments, were adopted in their present form.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANONS.

The Committee on Canons beg leave to recommend the following amendments to the consideration of the Convention:

I. That Canon IV "of the Diocesan Printer," be amended by the following addition: Provided, that this shall not be construed as preventing the Secretary from receiving bids and having the work done by other parties, if, in his opinion, the interests of the Church shall so require.

II. The Committee do not deem it expedient to recommend the proposed alterations of Title I Canon I.

III. The Committee submit the following Canon to be inserted as Title I, Canon IX of the Bishop's Fund.

Respectfully, H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., Chairman.

TITLE I, CANON IX.

OF THE BISHOP'S FUND.

§1. Five Trustees shall be annually elected by ballot by the Convention, said Trustees to be selected from different parts of the Diocese, to manage the Bishop's Fund, one of whom, to be designated by the Convention, shall be the Treasurer of said Fund. Said Trustees shall hold the said Fund, and manage and invest the same by such rules and regulations as this Convention has prescribed, or may hereafter prescribe.

§2. It shall be the duty of said Trustees to keep said Fund safely invested in public securities of unquestioned validity, or other permanent and safe securities or investments, the interest thereon to be paid annually or oftener. The Trustees and Treasurer shall make an Annual Report of the condition and management of the Fund, specifying clearly the existing investments.

§3. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and receive all money and other assets belonging to said Fund, as well as interest or other income arising therefrom, to keep and to account to the Convention for the same.

§4. In case of vacancy in the office of Treasurer, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining Trustees shall fill the vacancy until the next Convention. And in case of any reduction in the number of Trustees by death or otherwise, the remaining Trustees shall fill the number to five, until the next Convention.

These sections were adopted, one by one, and the whole Canon was then adopted: the Convention voting by Orders and Parishes, as the Canon requires.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance congratulate the Convention that they enter upon another year free from debt, and with a balance in the Treasury. At no time since the war, until now, have all the liabilities for which each recurring Annual Convention has to provide, been fully discharged, and we may well hope that a new era of prosperity and usefulness has dawned upon us. Upon consideration of the wants of the Diocese and Convention for the next year we find that we have to provide as follows, viz:

For Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs' annuity,	$ 500 00
" Printing, Stationery and incidentals,	600 00
" Premium on the Life Policy of the Bishop for $5,000,	129 25
" Bishop's Salary,	4,500 00
Total,	$5,729 25

In considering how we should meet these liabilities, we have found the following Parishes and Missions in arrears:

Christ Church, Mobile,	$ 195 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	18 75
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	110 00
Church of the Redeemer, Seale Station,	50 00
Emanuel Church, Opelika,	30 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	20 00
Grace Church, Portland,	10 85
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	20 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	52 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County,	25 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	50 50
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	40 00
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	15 00
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,	60 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	25 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	38 75
St. Mathew's Parish, Autauga,	20 00
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County,	88 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,	25 00
St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill,	25 00
Carried forward,	$918 85

Amount brought forward	$ 918 85
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	16 25
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	50 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	15 00
Trinity Church, Florence,	20 00
Montevallo Mission,	34 75
Total,	$1,054 85

But since the Treasurer closed his books for the year, showing the arrears as above stated, Christ Church, Mobile, St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw, and Trinity Church, Florence, have paid up their assessments in full to date, amounting in the aggregate to Two Hundred and Thirty One Dollars and Twenty-five cents, and leaving now unpaid Eight Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars and Sixty cents. Of this sum we recommend that there be remitted

to the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	$100 00
to St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	40 00
and to Montevallo Mission,	34 75
Making an aggregate of	$174 75

If this recommendation be concurred in, there will be left of arrears, Six Hundred and Forty Eight Dollars and Eighty-five cents, which we have but little hope will be collected. Our resources then for the coming year are

these arrears:	$ 648 85
and estimated interest from the Bishop's Fund,	1,384 00
which makes the sum of	$2,032 85

and leaving to be raised by assessment upon the Parishes, $3,696 40, which we have made under the same difficulties as formerly, from the utter impossibility of establishing any fixed rule as a basis thereof.

As perfected, we present the following:

ASSESSMENT FOR 1875.

St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill,	$ 25 00
St. Michael's Parish, Marengo County,	100 00
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	50 00
St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	75 00
Grace Church, Portland,	30 00
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur,	25 00
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,	25 00
Church of the Redeemer, Seale,	20 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	60 00
St. John's Parish, Mobile,	250 00
St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	780 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	55 00
St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro,	150 00
St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro,	40 00
St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	135 00
St. Peter's Parish, Talladega,	30 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	40 00
St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	50 00
Carried forward,	$1,940 00

Amount brought forward	$1,940 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	25 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	20 00
St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	400 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskalossa,	200 00
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	30 00
Emanuel Parish, Opelika,	45 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	50 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	20 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	40 00
St. Mathew's Parish, Autaugaville,	20 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	500 00
Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	150 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	60 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	780 00
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	500 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	25 00
Athens Mission,	20 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	40 00
Trinity Parish, Florence,	25 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County,	25 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	20 00
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,	10 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	10 00
St. Mary's Parish, Camden,	10 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station,	10 00
Montevallo Mission,	20 00
Total,	$5,090 00

The assessment is in excess of the amount apparently required, $1,393 60, but included in this sum are the arrears heretofore referred to, of $648 85, and judging the future by the past, we must anticipate that a like and additional deficit will be reported by the Treasurer at the next Convention, and in prudence provide for it.

As in former years the assessments have been paid irregularly and the greater part of those received by the Treasurer, were paid during the last quarter of the Convention year.

We would urge upon the Parishes the importance of complying with the previous requirements of the Convention, in collecting and forwarding their assessments quarterly and upon the days on which they respectively fall due.

R. M. NELSON, Chairman.
L. A. HOWSER,
W. R. DeLOACH,
H. C. HART,
J. H. FITTS,
HARVEY H. CRIBBS,
JNO. L. COBBS,
CHAS. L. STICKNEY,
FRANCIS B. CLARK.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to have printed as soon as possible, 200 copies of the Report of the Committee of the Whole, concurred in by this Convention, and transmit several copies to each Parish in the Diocese.

Mr. JAMES H. FITTS was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON and Mr. H. C. HART, were elected Trustees of the University of the South, for Alabama.

Mr. A. R. BELL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for Alabama.

Rev. Mr. LEMON and Mr. R. M. NELSON were appointed Tellers to collect and count the ballots for Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Pending the counting of the ballots, the Secretary read a communication from the Druid City Literary Club, inviting the Convention to attend a lecture on Monday evening next.

On motion, the invitation was accepted, and the thanks of the Convention returned to that Literary Society.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the second Resolution adopted on yesterday in reference to the investment of the Bishop's Fund, be so amended as to strike out the word "unanimous" where it occurs therein, and insert after the word "concurrence," the words "of at least four."

The balloting resulted in the election of the following Trustees of the Bishop's Fund:

Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, J. H. FITTS, W. H. ROSS,
H. C. HART, JOSIAH MORRIS.

On motion, Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was unanimously designated as Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

A Resolution was introduced and adopted to re-consider the vote by which Demopolis was selected as the place for the session of the next Convention.

On motion, it was Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet in St. Paul's Church, Selma, on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1876.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the Sheriff of Tuskaloosa, for the use of the Court Room for the sessions of this body.

On motion, the Convention took a recess till 7½ o'clock, P. M.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention resumed its session. The Secretary was instructed to have 500 copies of the Journal published.

On motion, the Secretary was requested to inform the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund of their election, and transmit to them a copy of the Resolutions and Canon on this subject, passed by this Convention, and to urge them to meet at as early a day as possible.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Vestry of Trinity Church, Demopolis, and that the Secretary be instructed to inform them of the reasons for declining their invitation.

The minutes were read and approved.

After prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned "*sine die.*"

RICHARD H. WILMER,
President.

R. H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

TO THE

Convention of the Diocese of Alabama.

DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,
CHRIST CHURCH, Tuskaloosa, May 26th, 1875.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clergy and Laity of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

In the good providence of GOD we are gathered together in this the Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Diocese, to render a mutual report of our labors during the past year, and to deliberate upon matters connected with the welfare of that portion of the Church of GOD, with which we are more immediately connected. I present the following record of my official labors during the Conventional year just closed.

1874.—May 13th.—Met the Convention of the Diocese at St. James' Church, Eufaula, and, after a sermon by the Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service of same day, after sermon by the Rev. T. J. BEARD, addressed the congregation, and confirmed 8 persons.

May 14th.—(Ascension Day)—Read my Annual Address in the Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 15th-16th.—Attended upon the sessions of the Convention, and participated in the religious services from day to day.

May 17th.—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—After a sermon by the Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., admitted CHAS. E. CABANISS, Deacon, and celebrated Holy Communion; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD; certificate of proficiency given by the Rev. Messrs. T. J. BEARD and R. A. COBBS, Examiners. At evening service, after a sermon by the Rev. J. J. CLEMENS, and an address by the Rev. Dr. FULTON, addressed the congregation, and confirmed 4 persons; thus making 12 as the number confirmed at this visitation of St. James,' Eufaula.

May 18th.—Preached at Clayton in the new Church building. This building is completed, but, on account of an existing debt, not yet ready for consecration.

May 20th.—Preached, morning and evening, at the Court House, Union Springs, and confirmed 3 persons.

May 23d.—Confirmed 2 persons at the Poor House, Montgomery.

May 24th.—(Whitsunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, preached again, and confirmed 28 persons. I also confirmed a sick person in private. Number confirmed, from St. John's, Montgomery, at this visitation 31. In consequence of my failure, through interruption of travel by high water, to hold confirmation at Eufaula, Union Springs and Montgomery, before Convention, the confirmations at those places are included in my Report to the Convention of 1874.

May 31st.—(Trinity Sunday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 9th.—Married a couple at Grace Church, Baltimore.

June 13th.—Preached at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

June 14th.—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church ; at latter service, confirming 10 persons.

June 15th.—At early morning service, celebrated Holy Communion.

June 17th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

June 21st.—(3d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Pass Christian, Miss. ; confirmed 16 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 23d.—Set apart the "Oratory", at the "Church Home" in Mobile, as a place for prayer.

June 24th,—(St. John Baptist's Day)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile ; confirmed 12 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 28th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, and celebrated Holy Communion. At afternoon service, addressed the congregation, and confirmed 10 persons.

July 5th.—(5th Sunday after Trinity)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, admitted to the Priesthood, Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., and celebrated Holy Communion ; sermon by the Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D. Examiners Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., Rev. R. A. COBBS.

July 12th.—(6th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Pass Christian, and confirmed 2 persons.

July 19th.—(7th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and confirmed 6 persons.

July 26th.—(8th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, in absence of the Rector, and celebrated Holy Communion. At afternoon service, preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 3 persons.

July 28th.—At St. John's Church, Mobile, I deposed from the Ministry JAMES D. GIBSON, in conformity with the provisions of Canon 5, Title II, § IV; the Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D. and the Rev. F. W. DAMUS and Rev. T. J. BEARD, being present and attesting the deposition.

On same day attended 2 funerals.

August 2d.—(9th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and celebrated Holy Communion.

August 5th.—Attended meeting of the Board of Trustees of the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and spent four days in the discharge of duties devolved upon me by the Board.

August 9th.—(10th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at the University Chapel, St. Augustine.

August 16th.—(11th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

August 17th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

August 23d.—(12th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

August 30th.—(13th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 6th.—(14th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

September 13th.—(15th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

September 20th.—(16th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in services at St. John's Church, Mobile.

September 27th.—(17th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile; confirmed a sick person in private—candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD; and celebrated Holy Communion with a dying person in private. The person, referred to here, was one of our Sisterhood of the Church Home; she was a beautiful example of earnest devotion. Alas! That a life which opened with so much promise of usefulness should have been so suddendly cut short—even as a tale that is not told. "Even so FATHER, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

October 4th.—(18th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Charlottesville, Va.

October 7th.—Attended the opening services of the General Convention at St. John's Chapel, N. Y. I spent four weeks in attendance upon the sessions of the General Convention; preaching repeatedly as I had opportunity.

November 8th.—(23d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 15th.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—At St. Philip's Church, Atlanta, Ga., united with the Bishops of Texas, Tennessee, South Carolina and Georgia, in the consecration of the Rev. R. W. B. ELLIOT, D. D., to the Missionary Episcopate of Western Texas; sermon by myself.

November 22d.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 25th.—(Thanksgiving Day)—Participated in services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and made an address to the congregation.

November 29th.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of "The Nativity," Huntsville, and confirmed 10 persons.

November 30th.—(Day of Prayer for Missions)—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church, and confirmed 2 persons.

December 1st.—Preached at Madison Station.

December 2d.—Baptized 2 children, and celebrated Holy Communion at Madison Station. On the evening of same day, preached and confirmed 1 person at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

December 3d.—Preached at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 4th.—Preached at Athens, and celebrated Holy Communion; at afternoon service baptized 3 adults and 4 children; at evening service preached, and confirmed 5 persons.

December 6th.—(2d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion; at evening service preached again in same Church.

December 7th.—Preached at Tuscumbia, in the House of Worship kindly tendered to us by the Methodist congregation—our own House of Worship having been badly damaged by the tornado which had swept away a large part of the town.

December 8th.—Preached again in same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

On same day married a couple at Tuscumbia.

December 9th.—Preached morning and night at Birmingham.

December 10th.—Preached again, morning and night, at same place; confirming in the morning 1 person, and in the evening 12 persons.

December 11th.—Preached at St. John's Church, Elyton.

December 13th—(3d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and celebrated Holy Communion. This Church was without a Rector at the time of my visit.

December 25th.—(Christmas Day.)—Held service at home, on account of inclement weather.

December 27th—(Sunday after Christmas.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

1875.—January 3d—(2d Sunday after Christmas.)—At Trinity Church, Mobile, participated in the opening services of the Mission, conducted by the Rev. J. W. BONHAM, Evangelist.

It has for a long time been my impression that we have failed to bring out the varied talents and powers of our Clergy. GOD has given to His Church a great diversity of gifts, and they should all be brought into use. Some men are gifted as Preachers, some as Pastors, some as Teachers, some as Evangelists. I hail it as a good omen that we are beginning more systematically to utilize these varied gifts for the edifying of the Church.

For some weeks from this time I was confined to my house by painful indisposition, and was thereby prevented from taking the part in the above mentioned Mission services which I had proposed to myself.

For the same reason, I could not take the part in the Consecration of the Rev. Drs. ADAMS and DUDLEY which had been assigned to me by the Presiding Bishop.

January 24th—(Septuagesima Sunday.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

January 31st—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, morning and evening : confirming at the latter service 8 persons.

February 2d—(Purification of St. Mary the Virgin.)—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

February 3d.—Preached at Selma, and baptized an infant.

February 4th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion, confirmed 7 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 6th.—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'.

February 7th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached again at same Church, morning and evening, confirming 5 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion.

February 12th.—Delivered a Lenten lecture at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 14th.—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 21st.—(2d Sunday in Lent)—Participated in divine service at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

February 28th.—(3d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

March 7th.—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 14th.—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. John's Church, Montgomery. I remained in Montgomery during the whole of the ensuing week, preaching daily at morning and evening service, and celebrating Holy Communion on the 17th instant. The Church at Montgomery presented very peculiar claims upon the attention of the Bishop of the Diocese. The assembly of the Legislature and the sessions of the Supreme Court had called together at this time a large number of the most intelligent men from every county in the State ; thus affording him an opportunity of coming into contact with many persons whom he could not expect to meet at any other time and place. The services were well attended, and were, we trust, not without profit to many souls.

March 21st—(Sunday before Easter)—Preached again, morning and evening, at St. John's Church, Montgomery; at the latter service confirming 19 persons—giving 29 as the number confirmed in this Parish since my last annual report.

March 23d.—(Tuesday before Easter)—Preached at Talladega, morning and evening—at the latter service confirming three persons.

March 24th.—(Wednesday before Easter)—Preached again at same place.

March 25th.—(Thursday before Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—at latter service I confirmed 4 persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 26th.—(Good Friday)—Preached, morning and evening, at Montevallo—at the latter service confirming 5 persons.

The Church Building at this place, while in process of erection, was blown down by a violent tornado, which swept through the town and did great damage to property. The good people have gone to work with great zeal to rebuild, and I hope soon to consecrate their work of love to the service of GOD.

March 28th—(Easter Sunday.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Selma, in the new Church building.

I do not know when I have felt more encouragement than I did on this day. For the last few years, and especially for the last year, there has been much to depress the most hopeful. Owing to the unparalleled and increasing depression in every branch of industry, I have been compelled to see many faithful Clergymen leave the Diocese, and many hopeful enterprises, and many cheerful prospects, brought to nought. Instead of planting and building, my task has been to strengthen the things that remain and are ready to die—aye, sometimes to mourn over the things that are dead.

To see then, in the midst of a general decay, a bright and beautiful thing come to birth, and to rejoice over it on Easter morn, was a privilege and satisfaction such as I may not hope often to enjoy. Better days, doubtless, will come to our children or children's children, but we who are growing old must discharge the duties of the present hour, sustained in great part by the recollection of past mercies, and fortified with the hopes of a brighter future.

Too much praise cannot be given to the few earnest and devoted laymen of the Church in Selma who, under many discouragements have toiled for the erection of the present building. True, there is much yet to be done. A heavy debt hangs over them, but they are working steadily and bravely on, and I cannot permit a doubt that, with GOD's blessing, all that remains to be done will be accomplished, and that, under the leadership of their chosen Rector, they will see the work of the LORD to prosper in their hands.

April 4th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; celebrated Holy Communion, and confirmed 35 persons.

April 8th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. Dr. MASSEY.

April 11th—(2d Sunday after Easter.)—Held my annual visitation at Christ Church, Mobile, and after a sermon by the Rector, addressed the Congregation, confirmed 13 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 18th—(3d Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, morning and night; at the morning service confirmed 29 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 25th—(4th Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at St. Thomas Church, Greenville, and celebrated Holy Communion; at afternoon service baptized an adult; and at night preached again and confirmed 5 persons. The Church building at Greenville has been thoroughly repaired and greatly improved since my last report, and will soon be ready for consecration. The Parish is still without a Rector, but I heard with great satisfaction that the attendance of the whole congregation at Lay service was constant and unvarying. I know no better sign than this of the earnestness and devotion of the people.

April 28th.—At St. Paul's Church, Carlowville, after a sermon by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, who had kindly accompanied me on this visitation, I addressed the congregation and confirmed 4 persons. At evening service I preached at same Church.

Through the failure of the cars to make their usual connection, I missed my appointment at Grace Church, Portland. For the same reason I failed to meet my appointment at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba. I particularly regretted this last mentioned failure, because the few remaining Church people at this point had lately made great exertions to re-organize this once flourishing Parish. I hope to visit Cahaba at an early day.

May 1st.—(St. Philip and St. James)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Macon, baptized an adult, confirmed one person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 2d.—(5th Sunday after Easter)—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, addressed the congregation at Faunsdale Chapel.

May 8th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Eufaula, morning and evening.

May 9th.—(Sunday after Ascension Day)—Preached again, morning and evening, at same Church—at the latter service confirming 23 persons.

May 10th.—Celebrated Holy Communion at same Church early in the morning, and had the satisfaction of seeing nearly every Communicant of the Parish at this most interesting service. Well may the Rector of this important Parish thank GOD and take courage in view of the present condition of things under his charge. I trust that he may soon see his heart's desire fulfilled in the erection of a new Church building.

May 16.—(Whitsunday)—At Christ Church, Mobile, officiated, and after a sermon by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Rector elect of said Church, celebrated Holy Communion. Since recording the above, the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE has accepted the Rectorship of the Church.

In the afternoon of the same day, at St. John's Church, Mobile, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, confirmed 25 persons; making, with those before reported, 66 as the number confirmed in this Parish since my last annual report.

At evening service of same day, at Trinity Church, Mobile, preached and confirmed 11 persons; making 53 confirmed in this Parish since last Annual Report.

May 21st.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston, and confirmed 3 persons.

May 22d.—At early morning service, addressed the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 23d.—(Trinity Sunday)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw. At the former service confirming 3 persons.

May 24th.—At early morning service in same Church, addressed the congregation, and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 25th.—At evening service in Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, preached and confirmed 3 persons—giving 13 as the number confirmed in this Parish since my last Annual Report.

The following is a summary of my official labors since my last annual report:

Deacons Ordained,	1
Priests Ordained,	1
Lay Readers Licensed,	2
Baptisms—viz: Adults 5; Infants 7	12
Marriages,	3
Funerals,	2
Cofirmations—viz: in Mississippi 18; in Alabama 282	300

I have given my canonical consent to the Consecration of Rev. Dr. SCARBOROUGH, to the Episcopate of New Jersey; to the Consecration of Rev. Dr. GILLESPIE, to the Episcopate of Western Michigan; and to the Consecration of Rev. Dr. DUDLEY, to the assistant Episcopate of Kentucky.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese the Rev. OGLE MARBURY, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Maryland.

I have transferred as follows, viz: Rev. WM. BRITTAIN, to the Diocese of North Carolina; Rev. T. G. POND, to the Diocese of Georgia; Rev. J. J. CLEMENS, to the Diocese of Texas; Rev. B. F. MOWER, to the Diocese of Kansas; Rev. JAMES H. STRINGFELLOW, to the Diocese of South Carolina; Rev. JOHN R. JOYNER, to the Diocese of Georgia; Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., to the Diocese of Indiana.

I have also transferred INNIS O. ADAMS, candidate for Deacon's Orders, to Diocese of Texas.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

The Rev. PHILIP A. FITTS, in addition to his duties as Rector of the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, has taken charge of St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

Rev. DEB. WADDELL, has added Clayton to his missionary jurisdiction.

Rev. SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., has become Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

Rev. J. W. LEMON, (Deacon) is officiating at St. James' Church, Livingston.

Rev. OGLE MARBURY, has become Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis.

Rev. CHARLES E. CABANISS, (Deacon) has been assigned to duty under the charge of Rev. Dr. BANISTER, and officiates at Athens, and other points in North Alabama.

Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, has become Rector of Christ Church, Mobile.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received canonical notice of depositions from the Sacred Ministry as follows, viz: of BENJAMIN F. BROOKE, by Bishop of Pittsburg; of T. A. ROBERTSON, by Bishop of Tennessee; of LUCIUS G. WEAVER, by Bishop of Central New York; of GEORGE O. EDDY, by Bishop of Albany; of JAMES A. LATANE, by Bishop of Virginia; of J. H. MCMECHEN, by Bishop of Virginia; of WM. S. PERKINS and WALTER WINDEYER, by Bishop of Pennsylvania: of SAMUEL H. MEADE, by Bishop of Massachusetts; of M. T. MCCORMICK, by Bishop of Virginia; of J. S. MALONE, by Bishop of Kentucky; of JOSEPH D. WILSON, by Bishop of Pittsburg; of WM. R. NICHOLSON, by Bishop of Kentucky, acting for Bishop of Northern New Jersey; of THOMAS J. MCFADDIN, (Deacon) by Bishop of Long Island; of WARREN N. DUNHAM, by Bishop of Indiana; of WILLIAM H. JOHNSON, (since restored) by Bishop of South Carolina; of JOHN C. FITNAM, by Missionary Bishop of Colorado and Wyoming; of JAMES C. PRATT, (Deacon) by Bishop of Kansas; of ALEXANDER FULLERTON, by Bishop of Pennslyvania; of JOSEPH H. MACELROY, (Deacon) by Bishop of Central Pennslyvania.

I have also received canonical notice from the Bishop of Long Island, that he had rejected the application of FREDERICK DEGEN, to be a Candidate for Orders.

I have received from the Presiding Bishop the following copy of a letter addressed to him by the Primus of Scotland. As a manifestation of the unity of the Church, and as a matter of general interest, it should go upon our records.—[See Appendix F.]

ECCLESIASTICAL SENTENCE OF DEPOSITION.

It will be seen on page 39 of the Journal of the Convention for 1874, that I reported, in conformity with the Canons, that sentence of suspension had been pronounced upon JAS. D. GIBSON.

Shortly after the adjournment of the last Convention, the said JAMES D. GIBSON made to me a formal request to be deposed from the Ministry, and I did accordingly so depose him, in St. John's Church, Mobile, on the 28th day of July, 1874, in the presence of Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., and of Rev. Messrs. T. J. BEARD and F. W. DAMUS.

In this connection I report to the Convention that, under the Will of the late JAMES D. GIBSON, I was left Executor of his Estate, and that by the terms of the Will, his property, after all expenses were paid, was given to the "Church Home for Orphans."

I desire the Convention to empower me to pay over to Mrs. GIBSON the half of her husband's estate after all debts are paid. So far as I am at present advised, the estate will net some $2,000. I also desire authority to put her in possession of certain articles of personal property (such as watch, etc.) which of right and propriety should go into the widow's hands.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

It was resolved by the last Convention of this Diocese that the Church property at Cahaba "had best be placed entirely at the disposal of the Bishop of the Diocese as abandoned property."—(See page 26 of Journal of 1874.)

This action of the Convention aroused much natural feeling on the part of the few remaining friends of the Church in Cahaba, and its vicinity, and I received sundry earnest and eloquent protests against the proposed treatment of the Church as abandoned property. Of course it was not my desire, nor that of any one, to disturb the property so long as it might prove a means of comfort or advantage to any friend of the Church.

Accordingly I appointed a Committee (Rev. R. H. COBBS, Dean, Messrs. R. M. NELSON, of Selma, and P. LOCKETT, of Marion,) to ascertain the condition of affairs at Cahaba, and to report to me for my action. The committee unanimously recommended that the property be allowed to remain in its present position and it gave me great pleasure to act upon their advice. I have received notice that, at a meeting held in Cahaba, certain friends of the Church were elected Vestrymen, and I hope that at some future day the Church so dear to many hearts, may continue to fulfil the purposes of its original erection.

CHURCH HOME PROPERTY.

I report that I had on hand of "Church Home" funds, January 1st, 1875, $4,987.11. This amount has been increased by $2,653.75, the proceeds of the annual "Church Home" Bazaar. Deducting from this sum current and other expenditures to date, I have in hand now—in round numbers—$7,000, invested as follows, viz:

One Certificate of Deposit in			Southern Bank of Ala.....	$1,500.00
One	"	"	" " "	1,500.00
One	"	"	Thos. P. Miller & Co.....	1,500.00
One	"	"	National Commercial Bank,.	1,500.00
				$6,000.00

The remainder in Bank to meet current expenses.

Doubtless a larger interest would accrue from a different investment, but the money is on call, and by being distributed in several Banks, is as safe as money can be made in these times.

My rule and habit is—to lay before the "Lay Committee" at the beginning of each year, a statement of all my expenditures for the previous year, with proper vouchers for the same. I think this is due to the public, who give us liberally of their substance, and, furthermore, I desire to establish a precedent

for all future administration of the financial affairs of the Diocese. I hold in my possession a certificate from said Lay Committee, setting forth that I have shown proper and sufficient vouchers for all monies of the "Church Home" Fund received and expended by me.

I have it in view, as I have repeatedly said in former reports, to raise a sufficient sum with which to enlarge the sphere of our benevolent operations. In the present state of affairs, I have thought it unwise to extend our enterprise beyond the care of the "Church Home" Orphanage, containing at the present time between 30 and 40 orphan girls.

The generous zeal of the good people of Mobile leaves us nothing to ask for in the way of a steady support, and I make this record in grateful acknowledgement of the liberality which has thus far sustained us in our work, and enabled us year by year to add to our resources.

I feel it pre-eminently due to the butchers, and market-men, and bakers, of Mobile, that I should, in this connection, express on behalf of the "Church Home" Orphanage, my grateful sense of their unwearied and munificent benefactions. In all my knowledge of generous and continued charity, their example is without a parallel. I invoke upon them the blessings of the God of the fatherless.

We have now in charge of the Orphanage three Sisters or Deaconesses, assisted by three probationers.

I would take this opportunity to speak of one of our Deaconesses—"Sister Angelina" (Waring)—who has been removed from us by death during the past year. It would not perhaps become me to speak as fully as I should, in this public report, of the peculiar loveliness which adorned this young disciple. She has taken her place among that noble group of women who, in all ages, have illustrated the self-sacrifice of the womanly heart. We grieved to part with her. Her departure has left a sad gap in our ranks. Yet her ripeness in the Christian life entitled her to be spared the further trials of the present life, and to enter into her rest.

I have greatly desired that the whole matter of "Deaconesses" should be brought under the protection and restraint of the Canon law of the general Church. I see no reason why the Deaconess should not share the same privilege with the Deacon. The administration of wise and efficient laws is needed, both to restrain and to guard, as well as to protect, all orders in the Church. I shall not cease to press this matter in our highest legislative assemblies, until such recognition and legislation shall be effected as shall invite our godly women to devote themselves more generally to the office and work of the Deaconess in the Church of God, with the assurance that they shall receive such recognition, guidance and protection as they need, in order to fulfil their work according to the mind of the Church. I am fully satisfied that the full parochial work in our large City Parishes can never be adequately performed without the parochial Deaconess.

It is not expected, nor should it be desired, that our women, in large numbers should separate themselves from the duties of the ordinary domestic life. The home is pre-eminently the sphere of the woman's work. But there is a

work to be done for the orphan and the destitute which cannot be well done without an organized agency of women, and there is no want in the Church that a kind Providence has not provided for. Alas! that we should fail to make use of all the agencies which are ready to our hands.

But there is no cause for despondency. We are in a new country, and in a transition state of experiment. For the first time in our history we have, to any extent, the suffering poor in our midst. We were not prepared to meet the emergency. The demand will in time call out the supply, and this whole matter will soon find its own adjustment.

CHURCH PROPERTY AT GAINESVILLE.

I reported last year (see p. 41 of Journal) that I had on hand (deposited in the People's Savings Bank of Mobile) $800, the amount collected by Judge REAVIS from the sale of "certain property in Gainesville—bequeathed by the late Dr. ANDERSON for the benefit of the Church at Gainesville." I reported also at the same time, that I had failed to collect the balance of the purchase money, because of the sudden death of Judge REAVIS, the attorney employed, and of the declared insolvency of his estate. Since that report was made, I have received from T. COBBS, Esq., the attorney employed by me to attend to the business, $554.21½—the amount, after expenses of collection had been deducted, due to the claim of the Church upon division of Judge REAVIS' estate. Mr. COBBS states that perhaps an additional amount may be realised upon further division of the estate.

I also referred in my last report, to a Note which had been made by Mr. EVERETT, in behalf of the "Ladies of the Episcopal Church at Gainesville", for $423.00 (gold) and bearing date July 1st, 1851. I have now to report that the said Note has been collected, and that I have received from Mr. T. COBBS the amount of the Note with interest accruing, after deducting cost of collection, $896.50 (gold.) This sum reduced to currency at then rate ($992.87) together with the other amounts mentioned have all been deposited in the People's Savings Bank of Mobile. The amount now on hand, and deposited as before said is, with interest accruing, in round numbers, $2,500.00. I see no immediate prospect of building a Church at Gainesville. I doubt very much, and my doubt is shared by those who have the deepest personal interest at stake, whether it would be wise to build at this time. At all events the money is drawing a limited interest, and at no very distant day may be used with great advantage in furtherance of the pious views of the donors.

I mention here that application has been made to me by members of the Church at Livingston for the appropriation of so much of the above mentioned fund as belongs to the "Ladies of the Church at Gainesville," to enable them to procure a Rectory at Livingston. The sum applied for ($992.87)—the proceeds of the Everett Note above referred to, and drawn originally in favor of the "Ladies of the Episcopal Church in Gainesville,"—is manifestly under the control of said ladies, and so far as I can see, might have been given by them to the Church at Livingston, their nearest Church, and in their county seat. But, inasmuch as the money has been put in my hands, I do not feel at

liberty to dispose of it, save under the advice of the Convention. I may add, that I have received a formal letter from the few remaining Church ladies at Gainesville, expressing their willingness that the money should be appropriated as requested by the Church at Livingston.

The balance in my hands of the Gainesville Fund having been left by the late Dr. ANDERSON for a specified object, must of course be kept sacred to the purpose indicated.

CHURCH WORK IN THE DIOCESE.

Upon this point I shall say but a very few words. In looking over my Addresses for the thirteen years that I have served the Diocese as its Bishop, I find that I have exhausted all language at my command in urging upon the attention of the Convention the duty of providing for the support and extension of our missionary work. The result has not been such as I had hoped for. Since we met together last, I have given Letters Dimissory to seven of our Clergy. Most of them have left because they could not be sustained in their fields of labor, and I was powerless to help them. My only consolation has been that these dear brethren are laboring for the Master under more propitious skies.

The Report of the Diocesan Mission Treasurer will show that a large part of the small amount contributed during the past year was drawn to repay a loan effected for the purpose of meeting the pledges made up to January 1st, 1874. Since that time I have made no pledge whatever, but have gladly divided what was in store. It would be superflous in me to report to you what sadness of heart I have felt in taking leave of our fellow workers. May it appear in the day of accounts that no blame rests upon any of us.

I take this opportunity of reporting, that, shortly after the adjournment of the General Convention last fall, I received from Miss CATHERINE WOLFE, of New York City, $2.000, to be used at my discretion for the promotion of Church work in the Diocese of Alabama. I see, from the "Spirit of Missions," that the same person made large donations to several of our Dioceses. It would be hard to calculate what amount of relief and comfort has been afforded to some of our Clergy by the generous donation of that noble hearted woman. You can well appreciate with what gladness of heart I sat down a few days before Christmas, and distributed that sum among our needy brethren. I do not know what many of them would have done without the timely aid thus afforded. May the Good LORD reward the giver according to the riches of HIS Grace in CHRIST JESUS, our Saviour.

THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

Since our last Annual Meeting, the Triennial General Convention of 1874 has held its session in the City of New York. Questions of deep and absorbing interest occupied the attention of that body, and were held under long and earnest debate. It is not my purpose to pass any judgment upon the action of that body. In my place in the House of Bishops, I endeavored to do my full duty, in accordance with the best judgment I could command.

I will only say, that the position which I took originally upon the question of Ritual and the best mode of adjusting it, is the one which, upon further reflection and experience, I am more and more disposed to maintain, viz :— *That the whole question of Ritual, on grounds alike of constitutionality and expediency, can be definitively settled only by positive rubrical prescription.*

CONFIRMATION OF THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS.

In regard to this matter which, in the General Convention and since its adjournment, has been very largely discussed, I would say a few words.

It seems very clear that further legislation is necessary to determine what amount of discretion is lodged in the General Convention, and in the Standing Committees acting ad interim. For to examine and see that the testimonials from the Diocese electing are regular and in due form, and that the Bishop elect is under no ecclesiastical disability, is one thing. On the other hand, to inquire whether the Bishop elect is apt and meet to exercise the office of a Bishop, is quite another thing. The mind of the Church is seriously divided upon the question—the metes and bounds of discretion lodged in the confirming bodies—the house of Clerical and Lay Deputies, and the Standing Committees acting ad interim. This whole question has been, and is being, discussed with very marked ability, but the progress of the discussion only the more discloses a deep and wide-spread difference of opinion, and points to the necessity of an early and definitive settlement by new legislation.

And in my judgment it can be most easily and effectively settled by such change in the testimonials required as shall make them to express more exactly the amount of discretion that is to be exercised by the confirming bodies signing them. If the confirming bodies are merely to say that all is regular and in legal form, then let the testimonials required merely declare this fact. The testimonials should exactly cover the area of discretion to be exercised. Otherwise, language is used without full meaning, and unreality creeps into the most solemn attestations. It is a serious evil, and the source of other evils, for men to accustom themselves to the use of a phraseology which is confessed to have no corresponding meaning and force.

In my judgment, much needless misapprehension exists in regard to this matter of elevating men to the Episcopate, and much of the excitement to which the election of our Bishops has occasionally given rise would be avoided, if clearer views prevailed as to the character of the Episcopal office, and of the objects for which it was instituted. It was for the edifying of the body of CHRIST, and not for the elevation or glorification of any man. The office of a Bishop is so sacred and responsible, that any one, even if called thereto by acclamation, might be expected to accept it with humility, or, if elected and rejected, to bow with a spirit of meekness to the judgment of his brethren.

No right of his, or of any person or collection of persons, is invaded by such rejection. The Diocese electing him has exercised its constitutional right, and can go on to exercise its right again, if the first choice does not meet the judgment of the Church. The Constitution gives to the Diocese this right, and the force and meaning of the Constitutional provision is—that

every Diocese shall elect its own Bishop. But this election on the part of a Diocese is not final and conclusive. The Church at large has something to say in the matter, and the Canons provide that, through her chosen representatives of both orders, she shall give her judgment upon the election. The Bishops, moreover, are called upon to declare their consent. Now, if it be contended, as it is indeed, that the right of a Diocese, because guaranteed by the *Constitution*, and not prescribed by Canon, is paramount and decisive, and that the confirmation of an election, by General Convention or Standing Committees, should therefore follow as a matter of course, unless some positive ecclesiastical disability be shown, then it equally follows by parity of reasoning that the Bishops should give their consent as a matter of course. For, in so far forth as existing legal provisions are concerned, the right of the Bishops to pass judgment upon an election rests upon Canon, and not upon Constitutional law. But it will hardly be contended that the consent of the House of Bishops should be the echo of the voice of a Diocese.

But, in fact, there is no conflict, either of authority or principle, between the provisions of the Constitution and the Canons in this matter. It is true that the Constitution secures to each Diocese the right of election. But it is equally true that the Church at large retains a right of confirmation and consent, under provisions of Canon law. If there be no conflict, and none is pretended, between the Constitution and the Canons—for they are mutually complementary—then they have full and equal force.

So long then as the present Constitution and Canons remain in force, the election of a Bishop by a Diocese is but the initial legal step towards his consecration. And no right to consecration is established, until all the Canonical, as well as Constitutional, requirements shall have been satisfied and fulfilled.

Nor can it be properly said that a Bishop elect is "*under trial*" during the progress of such inquiries as may be deemed necessary on the part of those, who are appointed under the law to confirm, and consent to, his election and consecration. If he be upon trial, he was equally so, when nominated for election in a Diocesan Convention. No! he is under *scrutiny* and the magnitude of the interests involved demand that the scrutiny should be strict and searching. He is to hold an office for the benefit of the Church, and the whole Church has a deep interest in the question of his aptness and meetness to discharge its sacred functions. His subjection to such a scrutiny is entirely voluntary. If he be rejected, he is divested of no existing right. For, if rejected, it is by an authority created under the law—the same authority by virtue of which he was elected. This whole arrangement exists by virtue of law, Constitutional or Canonical. It had no place in the original Constitution of the Church. Bishops existed, and were created, before there were regularly organized Dioceses or Standing Committees. The present arrangement for the election and consecration of Bishops exists now, only by general consent, expressed in, and made authoritative by, legislative enactment.

While it may be, in some respects, a matter of regret that the election of our Bishops should occasionally have given rise to excitement, it is, on the other hand, a matter of congratulation, as showing that the Church is tho-

roughly aroused to the importance of filling the Episcopate with suitable men. There may be great mistakes made, and good and true men may possibly be rejected, but there is no mistaking the fact that the Church is fully determined to assert her full powers, in thoroughly scrutinizing the men presented to her for consecration. And every Diocese is placed under the weightiest obligation to respond to this determination, by choosing such men for the position of a Bishop as can pass the ordeal to which they will assuredly be subjected.

I give expression to these views without passing the slightest judgment upon the individual cases that have already come up before the Church. It is not for me to pronounce any opinion upon an individual case in this presence. But in looking back upon the action of this Church for the last few years, one thing in her temper and disposition is unmistakable—that whilst wisely and necessarily tolerant of a wide latitude of opinion and usage on the part of her Clergy and Laity, she is not disposed to confer her highest office upon men of avowed or suspected extreme views—that, in her judgment, it is one thing to *tolerate* a man, and quite another to *endorse* him and prefer him to honor.

And who would have it otherwise? We want no partizan Bishops in the councils or administration of this Church. We must needs have extreme opinions, as every field must have its outside rows. But the husbandman does not select his seed-grain from the outside rows, but from the middle of the field, where the ears are more perfectly formed and completely filled. And the Bishops are the seed-grain of the Church.

In conclusion, I have but a few words more to say in regard to matters of Diocesan interest. The world around us is moving on; the Church at large is rapidly extending; but our little world is just now under a cloud, and our Clergy and Church people in great numbers are seeking homes in more propitious climes. Large numbers come to Confirmation—I have confirmed nearly five thousand persons during my brief Episcopate—but they do not abide with us. I visit some sections of the State, where the original forest is beginning to encroach upon the once cultivated fields, and to resume its primeval sway. I see, also, something akin to this retrograde movement in the religious world. And speaking advisedly, and not at all morbidly, I do not think that we have reached the bottom of our troubles—the lowest point of depression. The presence of productive and reliable labor, underlies all our material, and in large part our ecclesistical, interests. The generation of laborers, now performing the principal part of our labor, were trained to patient toil in a condition of servitude and have not altogether lost the industrious habits acquired in their former condition. This class is rapidly passing away, and the rising generation give no evidence of desire or capacity to take its place.

As a matter of course there will be in time an abundance of labor. This State is too rich in mineral and agricultural resources to remain for any length of time without productive labor. The swollen streams of western migration

will in time overflow their banks, and overspread this Southern country. But in the meantime—during the critical transition period—what shall be our fate?

This is a serious question, not at all political in its character, nor wholly financial. The growth and extension of the Church is largely bound up with the material prosperity of the country. For if the people continue to migrate, the Clergy will follow them. If our Parishes cannot sustain a ministry, the Clergy will seek other fields of labour.

In the midst of our peculiar depression, I had indulged the hope that the General Missionary Board would have come to the aid of the Church in the Southern Dioceses. It would seem to have been a reasonable hope. We might have been pardoned for supposing that the wise admonition of the Apostle would have been heeded—"As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them which are of the household of faith."

I wish to say no word in disparagement of any effort that looks to the weal of any class of men. I recognize fully the claims even of the barbarian. We are debtors unto all men. But it strikes me that, for every reason, it is the wise policy and stern duty of the Church to abandon no position that has been already gained, and to lose no ground that has been once occupied.

If the Church in this country is to play the important part in the evangelization of the world that she is fitted for, then is she but poorly preparing herself for the mighty work in hand by allowing large areas of territory, now occupied by anglo-saxon people, to lie neglected, and, which is sadder still, to permit Churches already established to perish for want of aid, during a period of peculiar distress and impoverishment.

Considerations, such as the foregoing, were brought to bear at every point and in every form during the session of the last General Convention; but they did not receive the attention to which in my judgment they were entitled. Instead of receiving a larger appropriation than usual, as I had been led to hope, the amount apportioned to the Diocese of Alabama for the current year was reduced to a sum too insignificant to be mentioned. In view of the failure to receive any appreciable aid from the General Board, and of the diminished receipts from the Diocesan fund, you will readily understand that I give you my annual report of mission work with a very sad heart.

It only remains for us to gird ourselves anew for the work that is still possible. And I must reiterate once more, what I have urged again even to weariness—that we can regain our lost ground only by systematic, combined and unwearied devotion to the mission work of the Diocese. We are even now crippled by the baleful spirit of Diocesanism—let not our work perish through a wretched Congregationalism.

We are a very small band, but, thank GOD! a united band. In the spirit of unity and harmony which animates us we have a rich fund of consolation for many discouragements.

"Duties are ours; events are GOD's." And to the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST do we commend ourselves and His cause.

Faithfully and affectionately, your Bishop,

RICH'D H. WILMER.

APPENDIX B.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 27, 1875.

J. H. FITTS,

In Account Current with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1874.		*DR.*	
May 14.—		To Balance, as per account rendered,	$ 605 36
		To Amount from—	
" " —		D. Buel, Treas. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	27 50
" " —		Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Peter's, Talladega,	10 00
" 16.—		" J. H. Ticknor, Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	15 00
" " —		" W. A. Stickney, St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	30 00
" 20.—		Jno. W. DuBose, Treas. St. Michael's, Marengo,	31 25
" " —		A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's, Greensboro',	50 00
" 24.—		Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Peter's Parish, Talladega,	10 00
" " —		W. T. Alexander, St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	36 00
June 2.—		A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	3 25
" " —		Rev. W. A. Stickney, St. Andrew's, Macon,	23 00
July 30.—		Jas. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	5 00
Aug. 6.—		W. H. Bray, Treas. St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	30 00
" 15.—		Geo. W. Taylor, Treas. Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	6 25
" " —		Rev. F. B. Lee, St. Paul's, Carlowville,	6 25
" 18.—		Dr. Cantwell, St. Paul's, Decatur,	8 75
" " —		W. R. DeLoach, Treas. St. James', Livingston,	55 00
" " —		D. F. Prout, Treas. Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	82 25
" " —		J. B. Head, Treas. St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	16 25
" 22.—		A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	5 80
" " —		R. L. Bliss, Treas. Trinity Parish, Florence,	10 00
" 28.—		F. S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	195 00
Sept. 1.—		A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's Church, Montgomery,	195 00
" " —		John Curry, Treas. St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	10 00
" 9.—		Alfred A. Girard, Treas. St. John's, Mobile,	125 00
" 15.—		Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Peter's Parish, Talladega,	12 50
" 21.—		A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	3 35
" 24.—		Rev. R. H. Cobbs, St. Paul's, Greensboro,'	12 00
" 25.—		" R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's, Lowndesboro,	10 00
" 26.—		" " " St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	10 00
Nov. 3.—		A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	1 40
" 7.—		" " " " " "	1 85
" 9.—		Rev. R. A. Cobbs, St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,'	10 00
" 20.—		A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's, Greensboro',	10 00
" 30.—		J. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	5 00
Dec. 11.—		J. B. Head, Treas. St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	16 25
" " —		J. Y. Cantwell, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	8 75
" 16.—		Rev. J. C. Davis, St. James' Church, Eufaula,	30 00
" 21.—		" R. A. Cobbs, St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	10 00
" 22.—		A. K. Hall, Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	1 50
" " —		Rev. F. B. Lee, St. Paul's, Carlowville,	10 00
		To amount carried forward,	$1,744 51

	To amount brought forward,	$1,744 51
Dec. 24.—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's Church, Montgomery,	150 00
" 28.—	R. Moore, Treas. Trinity Church, Mobile,	125 00
" 31.—	J. McKee Gould, St. Mark's Parish, Greene County,	25 00
1875.		
Jan. 13.—	Rev. P. A. Fitts, Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	16 00
Feb. 4.—	Lewis A. Howser, Treasurer Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	29 00
" "—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's Church, Montgomery,	45 00
" 5.—	J. B. Head, Treas. St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	16 25
" 9.—	R. M. Nelson, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Selma,	100 00
" 18.—	J. Y. Cantwell, Treas. St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	8 75
" 23.—	J. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	5 00
" 25.—	F. S. Parker, Treas. Christ Church, Mobile,	390 00
" "—	D. F. Prout, Treas. Trinity Church, Demopolis,	75 00
Mar. 1.—	R. L. Bliss, Treas. Trinity Church, Florence,	10 00
" 8.—	Rev. J. W. Smith, Treas. St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	26 75
" 15.—	" J. C. Davis, St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	50 00
" 25.—	R. Moore, Treas. Trinity Parish, Mobile,	125 00
" 26.—	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's Greensboro',	50 00
April 3.—	John W. Bright, Treas. St. John's Parish, Mobile,	125 00
" 20.—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	195 00
" 21.—	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro,'	7 25
" "—	R. M. Nelson, Treas. St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	100 00
" "—	Thos. Peters, Jr., Treas. St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	100 00
" 23.—	Joseph Martin, Treas. Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	500 00
" 30.—	L. M. Whetstone, Treas. St. Mathew's, Autaugaville,	25 00
May 1.—	J. McKee Gould, Treas. St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	20 00
" 3.—	Rev. J. C. Davis, St. James' Parish, Eufaula,	25 00
" 4.—	John Curry, Treas. St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	10 00
" "—	J. Y. Cantwell, Treas. St. Paul's Parish, Decatur,	8 75
" 6.—	F. Boykin, Jr., Treas. Grace Church, Portland,	12 00
" 7.—	Jas. H. Hine, Treas. Athens Mission,	5 00
" "—	R. Moore, Treas. Trinity Church, Mobile,	125 00
" 19.—	D. F. Prout, Treas. Trinity Church, Demopolis,	37 50
" 24.—	John Curry, St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	5 00
" "—	E. N. C. Snow, Treas. Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
" "—	A. Benners, Treas. St. Paul's, Greensboro',	70 75
" 26.—	Thos. Peters, Jr., Treas. St. Paul's, Selma,	100 00
" "—	A. R. Bell, Treas. St. John's, Montgomery,	195 00
" "—	L. H. Howser, Jr., Treas. Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	15 00
" "—	Rev. Sam'l E. Norton, Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	70 00
" "—	W. R. DeLoach, Treas. St. James', Livingston,	39 50
" "—	Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Luke's, Jacksonville,	8 50
" "—	" F. B. Lee, St. Paul's, Carlowville,	8 75
" "—	H. H. Whetstone, Treas. St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	20 00
" "—	Rev. J. F. Smith, St. Peter's, Talladega,	37 50
" "—	R. Moore, Treas. Trinity Church, Mobile,	125 00
" "—	D. F. McCall, Treas. Trinity Church, Union Springs,	20 00
" "—	Rev. S. U. Smith, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	10 67
" "—	N. H. R. Dawson, Treas. Bishop's Fund,	1,567 95
" "—	D. Buel, Treas. St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	35 00
		$6,815 38

1874.	CR.	Voucher No.	
May 15.—	By Amount paid to Rev. R. H. Cobbs,.....	1...	$100 00
" "—	" " Rev. J. M. Banister,.....	2...	30 00
" "—	" " Rev. J. H. Ticknor,.....	3...	15 00
" "—	" " John Bruce, Sexton,.....	4...	8 00
" 18.—	" " J. White,.....	5...	7 00
" 26.—	" " Prem. on Life Policy, Bishop Wilmer,.....	5½..	129 25
June 11.—	" Express charges on Policy and Books to Registrar,.....		50
" "—	" Postal Cards (to have receipts printed)....	6...	5 00
" 17.—	" Printing Receipts on Postal Cards,.....	7...	3 00
July 18.—	" Henry Farrow & Co., printing Journal and Bishop's Pastoral,..	8...	300 65
" "—	" Amount to Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,.....	9...	250 00
Aug. 28.—	" " " " "	10...	500 00
Dec. 28.—	" " " " "	11...	450 00
" "—	" " " " "	12...	150 00
1875.			
Feb. 25.—	" " " " "	13...	800 00
Apl. 21.—	" " " " "	14...	500 00
" 26.—	" " " " "	15...	750 00
May 27.—	" " Annuity Mrs. Cobbs,.....	16...	500 00
" "—	" " to Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer,.....	17...	2,300 00
" "—	" Balance in hands Treasurer, carried down,.....		16 98
			$6,815 38

1875.	DR.	
May 27.—	To Balance brought down,.....	$ 16 98

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN ARREARS.

*Christ Church, Mobile,.....	$195 00	St. John's Parish, Elyton,....	40 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	18 75	St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	15 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,.....	110 00	St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,.	60 00
		St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	25 00
Church of the Redeemer, Seale Station,.....	50 00	St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,.	38 75
		St. Mathew's Parish, Autauga,	20 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,.	30 00	St. Michael's Parish, Marengo,	88 00
Grace Church, Clayton,.....	20 00	St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,..	25 00
Grace Church, Portland,.....	10 85	St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill,	25 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Haynesville,.....	20 00	*St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw,	16 25
		St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,.	50 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon.	52 00	St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	15 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas Co.,	25 00	*Trinity Church, Florence,...	20 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	50 50	Montevallo Mission,.....	34 75
		Total Arrearages,.....	$1,054 85

* Paid during the session of Convention after the Treasurer's Account was closed.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of the Bishop's Fund

AND ACCOMPANYING TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to submit the following Report:

The interest collected by the Treasurer since May 14th, 1874, including the balance then on hand, amounts to the sum of Fifteen Hundred and Sixty Seven Dollars and Ninety-five Cents, which is in his hands and subject to the order of the Convention. Two Thousand Dollars of the principal, invested in the Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Company, have been collected and re-invested, and is amply secured by mortgage on improved real estate in the City of Selma.

No interest has been collected on the notes belonging to the original Fund, except in the case of Mrs. A. T. RANDOLPH; and the interest has not been paid on the note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, for the past year, which now amounts to Four Hundred Dollars.

The assets of the Fund, not including any of the notes belonging to the original Fund, are as follows:

Four Bonds of the City of Selma, Nos. 52, 54 and 58, $500 each; and No. 116, $1,000,	$2,500 00
Four Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Co., Nos. 31, 32, 36 and 37, $500 each,	2,000 00
Note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	5,000 00
Interest thereon for one year,	400 00
Note of N. H. R. Dawson,	5,000 00
Note of Samuel Edwards,	400 00
Note of Joel E. Mathews,	2,000 00
Making a total of	$17,300 00

There are in the hands of the Trustees some notes belonging to the original Fund, which have never been collected; and a certificate of Stock in the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company, for Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars. This Stock is at present of little value and could not be advantageously sold. All of the investments made by the Trustees are well secured.

The City and Gas Bonds were purchased at less than par, and are con-

sidered perfectly good. The interest on these bonds is promptly paid. The Gas Bonds are secured by mortgage and are as good as any securities in the country. The issue was limited to Twenty Thousand Dollars, and nearly all of them were paid at maturity, and those which now remain unpaid and outstanding, were not paid at the request of the holders thereof.

The undersigned regret the action of the last Convention in directing the interest to be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese, for the credit of the Convention Fund.

It will be remembered by reference to the report of the Trustees of May, 1869, that the assets then belonging to the Permanent Fund amounted to Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Nine Dollars and Nineteen Cents, and the assets belonging to the Special Fund amounted to Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars and Fifty Cents. About Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Six Dollars of the assets belonging to the Permanent Fund, have been collected since that time, and have been re-invested in the present securities of the Fund; while a very small sum has been realized from the assets belonging to the Special Fund. An examination of the reports of the Trustees and Treasurer to the Conventions of 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873 and 1874, will show the relative value of the Permanent and Special Funds. It will thus appear that more than two-thirds of the present Fund have accrued from assets belonging to the Permanent Fund. The object of the parties subscribing to this Fund, was to allow it to accumulate until the interest thereon was sufficient to pay the Bishop's Salary, without making assessments upon the Parishes; and we submit that this Convention is a Trustee to protect this Fund and to see that no part of it is diverted from the purpose of the donors creating it.

We trust that another plan will be adopted by the Convention, by which at least two-thirds of the annual interest of this Fund may be re-invested and allowed to accumulate. This would be but equitable and just.

The report of the Trustees of May 10th, 1871, shews that nearly all of the notes originally subscribed by individuals of the several Parishes to the Special Fund, have been surrendered and returned to the Parishes. The only notes still held and regarded as of any value, are those of parties residing at Montgomery, Greensboro' and St. Michael's, Marengo; and the Trustees would suggest that these should be returned to the respective Parishes, so as to avoid any further difficulty in regard to the appropriation of interest accruing on them. The interest on them could be collected by the Parishes and applied to the payment of their assessments.

The undersigned having been appointed the Trustees of this Fund, have deemed it their duty to make the foregoing suggestions in regard to its management and preservation.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
T. B. ROY.
WILLIAM BERG.

SELMA, ALA., May 27th, 1875.

Account of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

In Account with BISHOP'S FUND.

1874.	*DR.*	
May 14.	—To Balance on hand as per Report to Convention of 1874,	$ 165 40
July 1.	—Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bonds Nos. 52, 54 and 58,	60 00
" "	—Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bond, No. 116,	40 00
Sept. 1.	—Semi-annual interest on Selma Gas Bonds, Nos. 2, 3, 12, 13, 31, 32, 36 and 37,	160 00
" 26.	—Interest on note of Mrs. A. T. Randolph,	16 00
1875.		
Jan. 1.	—Annual interest on Note of N. H. R. Dawson,	400 00
" "	—Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 54 and 58,	60 00
" "	—Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bond No. 116,	40 00
Mar. 1.	—Semi-annual interest on Selma Gas Bonds, Nos. 2, 3, 12, 13, 31, 32, 36 and 37,	160 00
" "	—Amount of Principal collected on Selma Gas Bonds, Nos. 2, 3, 12 and 13,	2,000 00
May 17.	—Annual interest on note of Samuel Edwards,	34 55
" 24.	—Annual interest on note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery,	400 00
" "	—Interest on deferred interest on same,	32 00
		$3,567 95

1875.	*CR.*	
March 1.	—By Amount loaned to Joel E. Mathews,	$2,000 00
"	Balance on hand,	1,567 95
		$3,567 95

N. H. R. DAWSON,
Treasurer.

SELMA, ALA., May 24th, 1875.

APPENDIX D.

Account of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer*,
In Account with the DIOCESAN MISSION FUND OF ALABAMA.

To Balance at last Annual Report,	$ 188 58
To received since last Annual Report from—	
Trinity Church, Florence,	14 40
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	8 35
St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	6 55
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	202 80
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	14 00
Talladega Mission, Talladega,	9 60
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	45 35
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,	47 80
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	37 60
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	5 70
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	78 50
St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,	10 20
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	55 50
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	10 00
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	4 90
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	41 75
Grace Church, Portland,	15 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	210 50
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	40 20
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	40 60
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen,	4 50
Christ Church, Mobile,	257 61
Trinity Church, Mobile,	165 05
St. John's Church, Mobile,	75 25
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	8 60
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro,	9 75
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville,	19 55
Private contributions,	65 35
Loaned by the Bishop from Church Home Funds,	200 00
	$1,893 54

1874.	*CR.* By paid the Bishop's Drafts in favor of—	Voucher No.	
May 14.—	Rev. R. A. Cobbs,	1	$ 25 00
" "—	" T. G. Pond,	2	25 00
" 20.—	" DeB. Waddell,	3	50 00
July 6.—	" S. E. Norton,	4	50 00
" 17.—	" F. B. Lee,	5	9 00
" 18.—	" F. B. Lee,	6	100 00
Aug. 12.—	" F. B. Lee,	7	50 00
Sep. 12.—	" Peter Wager,	8	50 00
Dec. 16.—	Books and Tracts,	9	25 00
" 28.—	*Church Home Fund,	10	100 00
1875.			
Feb. 15.—	*Church Home Fund,	11	400 00
" "—	Rev. J. F. Smith,	12	50 00
" "—	" F. B. Lee,	13	50 00
Mar. 25.—	" J. F. Smith,	14	23 60
" 31.—	" Peter Wager,	15	50 00
Apr. 10.—	" DeB. Waddell,	16	50 00
" 26.—	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	17	40 60
" 28.—	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	18	6 75
May 10.—	Rev. DeB. Waddell,	19	40 20
" 18.—	" R. A. Cobbs,	20	29 30
	Envelopes and Postage,		5 30
			$1,229 75
	Balance,		663 79
			$1,893 54

*These drafts were to re-pay $500 loaned to this Fund by the Bishop in 1873, from Church Home Fund.

APPENDIX E.

The General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

To the Secretary of the Convention (or Council)
of the Diocese of Alabama.

SIR:

In compliance with the requirements of Article 9 of the Constitution of the Church, I would hereby officially make known, through you, to the Diocesan Convention of Alabama the following proposed changes in the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, recommended by the General Convention of 1874, and to be finally acted upon by the General Convention of 1877, to wit:

I. It was, by concurrent action of the two Houses of the General Convention of 1874,

Resolved, That it be recommended and proposed that the following alteration be made in Article 5 of the Constitution, to wit: Insert at the end of the Article the words:

"The General Convention may, upon the application of the Bishop and Convention of an organized Diocese, setting forth that the territory of the Diocese is too large for due episcopal supervision by the Bishop of such Diocese, set off a portion of such Diocesan territory, which shall thereupon be placed within, or constitute, a Missionary Jurisdiction, as the House of Bishops may determine."

II. It was further

Resolved, That the following be proposed and made known to the several Dioceses as an amendment to Article 8 of the Constitution, to be added at the end of the Article as it now stands, to wit, the words:

"*Provided*, That the General Convention may by Canon arrange and set forth a shortened form of Morning and Evening Prayer, to be compiled wholly from the Book of Common Prayer."

III. It was further

Resolved, That the following be proposed as an amendment, by way of addition, to the 8th Article of the Constitution, to wit:

"*Provided, however*, That the General Convention shall have power, from time to time, to amend the Lectionary; but no act for this purpose shall be valid which is not voted for by a majority of the whole number of Bishops entitled to seats in the House of Bishops, and by a majority of all the Dioceses entitled to representation in the House of Deputies."

Resolved, second, That the Secretary of the House of Deputies cause the foregoing proposed amendment of the Constitution to be made known to the several Dioceses, according to the Constitution and Canons of the Church.

In testimony whereof, I have this day hereunto affixed my name,

WILLIAM STEVENS PERRY,
Secretary of the House of Deputies of the General Convention
of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

GENEVA, N. Y., January 1, 1875.

APPENDIX F.

Copy of a Letter from the Most Reb. the Primus of Scotland

TO THE PRESIDING BISHOP.

HEDGEFIELD HOUSE, INVERNESS, April 14, 1875.

MY DEAR LORD AND BROTHER:

I deferred acknowledging your hearty fraternal letter until after the meeting of an Episcopal Conference which was approaching, in order that I might lay the same before my Episcopal brethren, and be able to convey to you, not only my own but their thanks for the cordial manner in which you and your brethren have reciprocated the wish for an interchange of Ecclesiastical Documents between our two Churches. In these days of strife and division it is an unspeakable comfort for brethren to draw nearer together in the bonds of Christian truth, unity and concord, and however severed in space, to know that we are really one in the Faith; and I believe, equally determined to contend earnestly for it, as it was *once for all* delivered to the Saints. Every link then, however small, which binds us the closer is to be lovingly cherished.

I cannot but join with you in thanking the Glorious Head of the Church for the manifest evidence of His blessing on the Church in America, by the way in which you have been permitted and enabled to lengthen Her cords and strengthen Her stakes in your country. What a contrast does the extension of your Episcopate present to the feeble struggling efforts of the great Church of England in the same direction?

At the Conference which I mentioned at the beginning of this letter, the question was submitted to us by one of the Bishops, as to how we should deal with a Clergyman who had been ordained by Bishop COLENSO after his deposition—a case having occured in his Diocese of a person, so ordained, having officiated once or twice without the Bishop's knowledge. And I was requested by the Bishops to convey to you the resolution which we came to after a careful examination of authorities upon the subject—"That in the opinion of the Bishops no person so ordained should be allowed to officiate in this Church." You may fully depend upon our recognizing the exercise of similar discipline on the part of the American Church in case of any Bishop whom she deposes.

With every feeling of reverence and affection believe me, my dear Lord and Brother,

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) ROBERT,

Bishop of Moray and Primus.

PARISH OR CHURCH.	When admitted into Union.	Baptisms.			Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals	Communicants.				
		Adults	Infants	TOTAL				At last report	Added	Died	Removed	Present Number
Christ Church, Mobile	1830	..	...	19	13	4	14	325	....	..	..	33
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	1830	3	10	13	2	1	9	141	10	2	19	13
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	1830	..	...	15	5	4	11	124	....	2	7	12
Trinity Church, Demopolis	1835	3	6	9	8	4	2	....	....	..	3	7
St. James' Church, Livingston	1836	..	...	2	3	..	1	39	....	..	4	4
St. John's Church, Montgomery	1837	..	...	97	29	10	17	418	....	6	10	42
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	1838	..	...	3	7	..	1	65	....	6	13	5
St. Paul's Church, Selma	1838	..	..	16	...	2	20	214	....	10	1	20
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	1839	..	...	5	4	..	2	57	....	2	3	5
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	1840	..	7	7	...	1	8	32	....	4	5	2
Trinity Church, Florence	1840	2	4	6	1	1	5	45	10	1	4	5
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	1843	..	..	23	12	..	7	228	....	3	..	23
St. David's Church, Dallas County	1844	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	...
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	1844	..	...	..1	...	1	...	26	1	..	1	2
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	1845	..	...	...	...	2	1	38	....	1	..	3
St. James' Church, Eufaula	1845	8	12	20	23	..	4	78	4	.	3	10
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	1846	..	...	2	3	2	2	27	4	..	1	5
Trinity Church, Mobile	1847	18	88	106	53	16	43	518	....	..	..	52
St. Mark's Church, Greene County	1847	..	...	4	...	1	18	....	....	..	5	1
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	1849	.	...	3	3	..	...	52	....	..	6	4
St. John's Church, Elyton	1851	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	...
St. John's Church, Mobile	1854	13	63	76	66	17	52	458	....	15	30	52
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	1853	..	...	5	...	..	3	27	....	..	2	2
St. Mary's Church, Camden	1855	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	...
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	1866	..	...	1	...	..	1	39	....	..	6	3
Grace Church, Portland	1869	..	...	8	...	..	2	36	....	1	5	3
Calvary Church, Choctaw County	1859	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	1	6	1
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	1859	..	...	1	...	..	...	35	....	..	5	3
St. Mathew's Church, Autaugaville	1859	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	....	..	..	...
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	1867	..	7	7	...	1	2	43	....	1	1	4
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	1867	..	...	5	5	1	...	41	....	.	2	4
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	1870	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	...
St. Paul's Church, Whistler	1870	..	...	..	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	...
St. Mary's Church, Tallassee	1869	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	.	...
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	1874	..	...	4	5	..	3	54	....	..	6	5
Church of the Redeemer, Seale	1873	..	...	1	...	..	1	28	....	..	8	1
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	1873	..	...	1	...	1	...	26	1	..	3	3
Trinity Church, Union Springs	1873	..	...	2	...	..	1	21	....	..	1	3
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	....	..	. .	3	1	3	1	27	....	..	9	1
St. John's Church, Madison Station	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	1
Montevallo Mission	....	.	...	...	5	..	...	14	....	..	..	3
Faunsdale Colored Mission	....	..	6	6	...	8	2	....	....	..	..	...
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	....	5	10	15	13	2	3	72	....	1	..	8
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Athens Mission	....	7	11	18	5	..	1	....	....	..	2	3
Grace Church, Clayton	....	..	...	6	...	..	...	....	....	..	..	.
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Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese.						Other Contributions for Church Purposes.	Total Expenditures.
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List of Clergy belonging to the Diocese of Alabama.

	Post Office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity,	Huntsville.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,	Mobile.
" *LOUIS BISSEY, ...whereabouts unknown	
" *CHARLES E. CABANISS, (Deacon) officiating at Whistler,	Mobile.
" ELLISON CAPERS, St. Paul's Church,	Selma.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church,	Greensboro.
" *THOS. A. COOK, in charge of "Planters' Institute,"	Alpine P. O.
" *F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church,	Eufaula.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church,	Mobile.
" DANIEL F. HOKE, (Deacon) officiating	Greenville.
" GEORGE H. HUNT, Christ Church,	Tuskaloosa.
" F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church,	Carlowville.
" *OGLE MARBURY,	
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" SAMUEL E. NORTON, M. D., Church of the Holy Cross,	Uniontown.
" *W. J. PERDUE, Missionary,	Gadsden.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON,	Huntsville.
" J. F. SMITH, Churches on S. R. & D. R. R.	Talladega.
" *S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church,	Eutaw.
" *WM. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's and St. Andrew's	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church,	Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church,	Opelika.
" JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon) officiating	Birmingham.
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church,	Clayton.
" *PETER WAGER, (Deacon) officiating	Florence.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

EDWARD L. STICKNEY,.....Marion.
R. M. JARVIS,.....Selma.

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EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
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JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
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DAVID BUEL, Greenville.
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CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro'.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro'.
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H. H. WHETSTONE. Lowndesboro'.
WM. B. MATTHEWS, Eufaula.
LUTHER S. SKINNER, Tuskaloosa.
JAS. H. FITTS, Tuskaloosa.
S. A. WAUCHOPE, Eufaula.
P. T. SAYRE, Verbena.
WALTER WINN, St. David's.
SAM'L M. PEGUES, St. David's.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.

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Mr. NORFLEET HARRIS.

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*R. S. Bunker,
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H. A. Lowe,
*Wm. H. Ross.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa—

J. H. Fitts.
Norfleet Harris,
*P. Bryce,
*E. N. C. Snow,
*W. C. Jemison.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—

*C. L. Stickney,
A. S. Jeffries,
*A. Stollenwerck,
V. Gayle Snedecor,
A. Benners.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—

Dr. E. H. C. Bailey,
J. R. Robertson.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—

*John Walthall,
*J. J. Seawell,
*E. L. Stickney.

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N. H. R. Dawson,
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Wm. Berg,
J. A. Harral,
Thos. Peters, Jr.

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*Josiah Morris,
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Dr. Jos. M. Davidson,
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St. James' Church, Eufaula—

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H. C. Hart,
*H. R. Shorter,
*J. M. Macon.

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*Edward F. Campbell.

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*Harry T. Toulmin,
*M. E. Macartney,
R. Moore,
*R. Adams,
*F. J. McCoy.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—

*Peyton Rowan,
Jno. H. Forney,
*Jos. M. Alexander,
*Richard D. Williams.

St. John's Church, Mobile—

*W. T. Walthall,
*Jas. Bond,
H. H. Cribbs,
*Dr. W. H. Beatty,
*Dan Harris.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville—
*W. W. GARTH,
*MILTON HUMES,
*DANIEL COLEMAN,
*S. A. BAILY.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon—
*WILLIS P. BOCOCK,
W. W. DUGGAR.

Trinity Church, Union Springs—
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*H. C. TOMPKINS.

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*ELLIS PHELAN,
*GEO. R. WARD,
*G. W. CRAIK,
*L. A. HOWSER.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.—
DAVID MINGE, Sr.

Emmanuel Church, Opelika—
S. G. JONES,
*R. C. JETER.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Examiners.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" GEO. H. HUNT.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr. D. D.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD.

Literary Examiners.

Rev. F. W. DAMUS.
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

Convocations.

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1876.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., DEAN.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the city of Mobile and parts adjacent.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-Fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in St. Paul's Church, Selma, May 10th, 1876.

Morning Prayer was said at 10½ o'clock A. M. and the Sermon was preached by Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, from the text: St. John, chapter 10, verse 16:

"There shall be one fold and one shepherd."

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rector of the Parish, the Rev. ELLISON CAPERS.

After Service, the Convention retired to the old Church building, where it was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats in the Convention of 1876.

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" CHAS. E. CABANISS, (Deacon,)
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" J. C. DAVIS.
" DAN'L F. HOKE, (Deacon.)
" F. B. LEE.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" W. J. PERDUE.
" J. F. SMITH.
" WM. A. STICKNEY.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" DEB. WADDELL.

Rev. T. J. BEARD.
" ELLISON CAPERS.
" F. W. DAMUS.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.
" GEO. H. HUNT.
" OGLE MARBURY.
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D.
" J. M. ROBERTSON.
" S. U. SMITH,
" H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
" JAS. A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon.)
" PETER WAGER, (Deacon.)

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll as thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D.D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Rev. T. J. BEARD.
" ELLISON CAPERS.	" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" J. C. DAVIS.	" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.
" GEO. H. HUNT.	" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D.	" J. F. SMITH.
" H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.	" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" DEB. WADDELL.	

Total present—The Bishop and 13 Presbyters.

The Treasurer of the Diocese, in compliance with the Canon, presented the following list of Parishes entitled to representation:

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.	St. James' Parish, Eufaula.
St. John's Parish, Mobile.	St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw.
Trinity Parish, Demopolis.	Athens Mission.
St. Paul's Parish, Decatur.	St. John's Parish, Montgomery.
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.	St. Andrew's Parish, Macon Station.
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.'	St. Paul's Church, Selma.
St. Michael's Church, Marengo Co.	Trinity Church, Mobile.
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.	Christ Church, Mobile.
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.	

The list of Parishes so entitled was then called, and the credentials of Lay Deputies were laid upon the Secretary's table, and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Rev. GEO. H. HUNT, and Rev. DEB. WADDELL.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Lay Deputies were entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

Robert S. Bunker.		Francis B. Clark.
Stephens Croom,	H. A. Lowe.	Wm. H. Ross.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

J. H. Fitts.		W. C. Jemison.
Norfleet Harris.	P. Bryce.	E. N. C. Snow.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.'

C. L. Stickney.	A. Benners.	V. G. Snedecor.
A. S. Jeffries.		A. Stollenwerck.

Trinity Church, Demopolis.

E. H. C. Bailey.	J. R. Robertson.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

C. T. Pollard. J. S. Weatherly.
Josiah Morris. Joel White. P. T. Sayre.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson. Thos. Peters, Jr.
B. H. Riggs. Wm. Berg. J. A. Harral.

Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

W. W. Garth. Milton Humes.
Dan'l Coleman. S. A. Bailey.

St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station.

W. P. Bocock. W. W. Dugger.

Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

J. M. Langhorne. J. M. Davidson.
Edwin Sheild.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

W. H. Bray. J. M. Macon.
H. C. Hart. H. R. Shorter.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

D. F. Poyner. Edward F. Campbell.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin. M. E. Macartney.
F. J. McCoy. R. Moore. R. Adams.

St. Michael's Church, Marengo County.

David Minge.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

H. H. Whetstone. Thos. Douglass.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

W. T. Walthall. Dan Harris.
James Bond. H. H. Cribbs. W. H. Beatty.

Their names being called, the following were found to be present:

Messrs. F. B. Clark.
J. H. Fitts.
V. G. Snedecor.
J. R. Robertson.
W. H. Bray.
David Minge.
H. H. Whetstone.
N. H. R. Dawson.
Wm. Berg.
Messrs. H. A. Lowe.
Norfleet Harris.
E. H. C. Bailey.
Edwin Sheild.
H. C. Hart.
W. W. Dugger.
Thos. Douglass.
B. H. Riggs.
Thos. Peters, Jr.

Total 18, representing ten Parishes.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D. was nominated and elected Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of this Convention shall continue daily from 9½ o'clock A. M. to 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Credentials of Lay Deputies from Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and Trinity Church, Union Springs, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Secretary was instructed, by a vote of the Convention, to send to the Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina, now in session at Columbia, a fraternal greeting from the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow (Thursday.)

SECOND DAY.

SELMA, ALA., May 11th, 1876.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayers by the President the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved. Rev. F. B. LEE, and Rev. JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon,) and Messrs. STEPHENS CROOM, A. S. JEFFRIES, R. MOORE, H. H. CRIBBS, J. A. HARRAL and J. H. FORNEY appeared and took their seats.

The following communication was received:

MACON, GA., May 10th, 1876.

To the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Church in Georgia sends fraternal greeting to the Church in Alabama: wishing her God speed in her work. By order of the Convention.

W. H. KRAMER, Sec'y.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to respond to this greeting.

On motion, the Rules of Order of the last Convention were adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Bishop then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. J. C. Davis, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. Sam'l E. Norton, M. D., Messrs. H. A. Lowe, E. H. C. Bailey, W. W. Dugger, Wm. Berg.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, F. B. Clark, J. H. Fitts, David Minge, Jno. R. Robertson, R. Moore, Joel White, H. H. Whetstone, H. H. Cribbs, H. C. Hart, A. S. Jeffries, Rev. J. H. Ticknor, D. D., Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rev. Ellison Capers.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, Jr. D. D., Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, and Messrs. Edwin Sheild, W. H. Bray, S. Croom, and V. G. Snedecor.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Mr. Norfleet Harris.

The following Report was received and, on motion, was concurred in, and the Resolutions adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the applications of Trinity Church, Union Springs, and Emmanuel Church, Opelika, for representation, have considered the same, and instruct me to report the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Delegates from Trinity Church, Union Springs, and Emmanuel Church, Opelika, be admitted to seats in the Convention.

Resolved, That the assessments due from Trinity Church, Union Springs, and Emmanuel Church, Opelika, be remitted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

The names of Delegates from these Parishes being called, Mr. S. G. JONES and Mr. D. F. MCCALL appeared and took their seats.

The Rev. Dr. MASSEY presented and read the Annual Report of the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The official acts of the Standing Committee during the past year were, the giving Canonical consent to the Consecration of the Bishops elect of the Dioceses of Iowa, Fond du Lac, and Illinois, on November 16th, 1875; and on January 28th, 1876, the recommending of Messrs. JAMES A. VAN HOOSE and DAN'L F. HOKE, to be ordained Deacons.

(Signed) J. A. MASSEY, President.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the Annual Address of the Bishop of the Diocese was postponed till 11½ o'clock A. M.

The Committee on the Bishop Cobbs Monument made the following Report. (See Appendix I.)

On motion, the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with and the same were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The election of the Standing Committee of the Diocese being next in order, the Rev. DEB. WADDELL and Mr. W. H. BRAY were appointed Tellers. The balloting resulted in the election of the following

STANDING COMMITTEE.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. W. G. JONES,
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,	F. B. CLARK,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	JAMES BOND.

On motion, Title I, Canon IX "Of the Bishop's Fund," and Canon VII, "Of Vestries," were referred to the Committee on Canons.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to credit St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, with the sum of Ten Dollars, in order that his books may accord with the statement printed in the Journal of last Convention of the balance due from that Parish.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention was, on motion, postponed to the next Convention.

The Registrar of the Diocese presented the following Report. (See Appendix F.)

On motion, it was

Resolved. That the Committee on Canons be requested to report upon the expediency of admitting to a seat upon the floor of this Convention, a Lay Delegate from each Missionary Point in the Diocese, who shall not, however, be entitled to a vote.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention go into the Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church, immediately after the conclusion of the Bishop's Address.

The Convention then took a recess till 11½ o'clock A. M.

SELMA, May 11th, 1876, 11½ A. M.

The Convention resumed its session. The Rev. DAN'L F. HOKE, (Deacon,) and Messrs. JOEL WHITE, J. S. WEATHERLY and P. T. SAYRE appeared and took their seats.

The Treasurer reported that Lay Delegates from the Church of the Advent, Birmingham, and St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, were entitled to seats in the Convention. Their names being called, Mr. W. J. MILNER and Mr. DAVID BUEL appeared and took their seats.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address to the Convention. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, it was

Resolved, That so much of the Bishop's Address as relates to the death of Mrs. COBBS, be referred to a Committee of two Clergymen and one Layman.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., and Mr. JOEL WHITE, were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, the order of the day was postponed till 11½ o'clock A. M. Friday.

The Secretary was instructed to have published 1000 copies of the portion of the Bishop's Address relating to Charity, and to distribute the same as soon as possible.

A communication from St. John's Parish, Montgomery, was presented and read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The statistical portions of the Bishop's Address were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow (Friday.)

THIRD DAY.

SELMA, ALA., May 12th, 1876.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayers by the President, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present. Mr. BENNERS appeared and took his seat. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The following communication was received and ordered to be placed on the Journal:

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 11th, 1876.

To the Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer, D. D., and the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama:

The Diocese of South Carolina returns greeting to the Diocese of Alabama: praying that the Holy Spirit may knit us together in bonds of Truth and Peace. By order of the Convention.

JNO. D. McCULLOUGH, Sec'y.

The Reports of the Trustees and Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund were presented and read, and, on motion, were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. H. C. HART, F. B. CLARK and DAVID BUEL.

The Committee on Finance made the following Report, which was received and the accompanying Resolution adopted:

The proposition of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, in reference to the disposition of the Hamner Hall property, now under mortgage to the Bishop's Fund; having been referred to the Committee on Finance and by them considered: I am instructed by the Committee to report the following Resolution to the Convention and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed to foreclose the mortgage now existing upon the Hamner Hall property, and sell the same, or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge the debt now due by said property to said Fund, together with expenses of sale; *provided*, however, that no lower bid for the purchase of said property shall be considered than the amount of the debt aforesaid.

Provided, further, That solvent notes payable in one, two and three years with interest, for arrearages of interest, may be received by the Trustees, and in that event the Trustees shall not be required to foreclose the mortgage as instructed in this Resolution.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

On motion, the Order of the Day, was postponed.

The Reports of the Treasurer of the Diocese and of the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, were presented and, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Canons made the following Report:

The Committee on Canons beg leave to report that they have considered the matters referred to them, and herewith submit the following recommendations to the consideration of the Convention:

1st. That §2 of Canon I, Title 1, be amended by the addition of the following words: "Each Missionary Station may also send one Lay Communicant, to be appointed by the Minister in charge, who shall be entitled to a seat in the Convention, and to participate in its debates, but not to vote."

2d. That §3 of same Canon be amended by the addition of the words "or Mission": so as to read "No Parish or Mission shall be entitled," &c., &c.

3d. That §1, Canon IX, Title 1, be amended by substituting "Three" for the first word "Five"; and also, that in §4, the last sentence, "And in case of," &c. be stricken out.

H. STRINGFELLOW, Chairman.

These recommendations were adopted *seriatim*.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next annual meeting of this Convention be held in Christ Church, Mobile, on the 1st Wednesday in May, 1877.

The Convention took a recess till 1 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled and resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the State of the Church.

At 2½ o'clock P. M., the Convention resumed its session and, on motion, adjourned to 9½ o'clock A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

SELMA, ALA., May 13th, 1876.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. After Prayers by the President, the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

Mr. J. M. DAVIDSON appeared and took his seat. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed not to foreclose the mortgage on the Hamner Hall property until after the meeting of the next Convention.

The following Report was received from the Committee on the State of the Church:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In dwelling upon the present state of the Church in Alabama, while there is much to sadden and grieve the hearts of earnest Churchmen, there is not a little to cheer and encourage.

In the almost universal depression that exists in every thing, the Church must expect to bear her share. She mourns the loss of Ministers, the impovership of Parishes, and the entire abandonment of some fields which she had commenced to cultivate: but there is every reason to believe that these causes of sadness and discouragement are only temporary. In no respect have things grown worse since the last Convention, and in several most important directions there is decided improvement.

The number of Ministers has not decreased; the Diocese, thanks to its wonderfully energetic and wise Treasurer, not only met all its obligations during the year, but has over $500 in the Treasury; the contributions to Diocesan Missions were increased by over $500, the expenditures by all the Parishes for purposes within and without their own bounds exceeded those of last year, although one Parish less has been heard from; and the healthy growth of the Church in the districts of which two Missionaries have reported is most gratifying. For these evidences of the presence of our Lord we must thank Him and take courage. This is emphatically a day of faith and hope in Alabama. There is comparatively little as yet realized, but we must with implicit trust hear our Master's voice saying to each of us, "go

stand in thy lot and wait." And yet the waiting is not a passive, idle waiting; but as the sacrifice of ourselves is a living sacrifice thus given and consecrated to Christ, we are to work and wait. The less the visible result now, the more entirely shut up we feel ourselves to be to God's promises, which cannot fail, the more single will be our eye, and the more laborious and faithful will be our efforts. It may be we have trusted too much in our own wisdom and diligence, and have relied too much upon the external divine appointments, as though they possessing some inherent power to bless, and too little upon the divine energy of the Holy Ghost. The great want of the Church now is a revival of spiritual religion, the cultivation of the life of God in the soul. We must for our guidance and comfort remember that this is the dispensation of the Spirit, that we are His agents in building up the Kingdom of Christ, and that, endowed with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, we can never fail. By Him we are joined unto the Lord, made one with Christ, and Christ one with us; our work is His work, and our one great aim, the aim of all alike, Clergy and Laity, should be to surrender ourselves entirely, in the spirit of absolute self sacrifice, to Him who hath with His own precious blood redeemed us unto God.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

The following was presented:

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report the following items to this Convention:

1st. Proposed change in Constitution, so that Deacons may be allowed to vote. Page 15 Journal 1875.

2d. A recommendation of Trustees of Bishop's Fund, that notes due said Fund be returned to the respective Parishes. Page 18 Journal 1875.

(Signed) R. H. COBBS,
NORFLEET HARRIS.

The following Resolution was presented:

Resolved, That Article III of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "be a Presbyter and," so as to read that "no Clerical member shall be entitled to vote in the Convention unless he shall have resided in the Diocese for six months next preceding."

This Resolution was adopted, the Convention voting by Orders, as the Constitution requires.

The Committee on Finance presented the following Report, which, on motion, was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of Maj. STEPHENS CROOM, Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund, have carefully examined the same, and beg leave to report that all the items of credit are supported by proper vouchers. The total receipts, including the balance on hand at his last report, are.....$3,299 94
And the disbursements,..... 2,979 51

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....$ 320 43

In his account he has credited himself with $750, which has been repaid by him to the Church Home Fund, for money loaned by said Fund to the Diocesan Mission Fund. All other payments have been made upon the drafts of the Bishop, and have been for Diocesan Missionary purposes.

The Treasurer has faithfully discharged his duties, and is entitled to the thanks of the Convention for his efficient services.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Account Current of Mr. JAMES H. FITTS, Treasurer of the Diocese, have examined and audited the same, and find it correct. Every item of credit is supported by a proper voucher.

It appears from his account that his receipts have been	$6,003 76
And his disbursements	5,431 12
Leaving a balance in his hands	$572 64

Every claim upon the Diocese has been fully paid, and we begin the new year with a surplus in the Treasury. This is most gratifying, and your Committee but express a just opinion when they attribute this prosperous condition of our finances to the efficient and faithful services of the Treasurer, to whom the thanks of the Convention are evidently due.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

This Report was, on motion, received and concurred in.

The Finance Committee have carefully considered the amount of money that will be required to meet the wants of the Diocese for the coming year, and have ascertained that the probable expenditures will be as follows, viz:

For Salary of Bishop,	$4,500 00
" Premium on Life Policy of Bishop,	130 00
" Printing Journals,	250 00
" Expenses of Convention,	60 00
" Contingent Expenses,	100 00

In order to raise this amount of money, your Committee has deemed it necessary to recommend that the several Parishes and Missionary Points in the Diocese should be assessed according to the schedule hereto attached, marked "Schedule A." This assessment, it will be seen, amounts to $4,795 00, or $295 00 less than the assessment adopted by the last Convention.

It is estimated that at least $500 00 of this amount will not be paid. But your Committee are of the opinion that the deficit thus made will be supplied by the balance in the hands of the Treasurer and by assessments of the past year not yet paid to the Treasurer.

In making this assessment your Committee have endeavored to lighten

the burden upon the Parishes as much as our circumstances and condition would permit.

We would again urge the importance of a prompt payment of the assessments quarterly. The Committee deem it their duty to impress upon the Convention the great importance of fostering the Bishop's Fund. It is now large enough to be of great assistance in relieving the exigencies of the Diocese. It has contributed in the past two years towards the expenses of the Diocese, as shown by the reports of the Diocesan Treasurer, $2,318 58.

Unless, however, this policy is changed, and some part of the interest is annually applied to the accumulation and increase of the Fund, it can never attain the purposes for which it was enacted. and the present burdensome system of raising the Diocesan Expenses will continue to impede the energies of the Church in this Diocese. Your Committee entertain the hope that a part of the annual interest accruing on this Fund will be applied to increasing the investments : and they, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter only so much of the annual interest arising from the Bishop's Fund, shall be paid over by the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund to the Diocese, as may be necessary to make up any deficiency in the annual requirements, and that the remainder of said interest shall be retained and applied to the accumulation of the permanent investments.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENT FOR 1876.

St. Paul's, Spring Hill,	$ 10 00
St. Michael, Marengo County,	50 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	25 00
St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	75 00
Grace Church, Portland,	20 00
St. Paul's, Decatur,	50 00
St. Paul's, Whistler,	25 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	60 00
St. John's, Mobile,	250 00
St. John's, Montgomery,	780 00
St. James', Livingston,	50 00
St. Paul's, Greensboro',	150 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	40 00
St. James', Eufaula,	135 00
St. Peter's, Talladega,	30 00
St. John's, Elyton,	25 00
St. Thomas', Greenville,	50 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	20 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	10 00
St. Paul's Parish, Selma,	400 00
St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion,	50 00
Christ Church Parish, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	30 00
Amount carried forward,	$2,535 00

Amount brought forward,	$2,535 00
Emmanuel Parish, Opelika,	45 00
St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville,	50 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	40 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	400 00
Trinity Parish, Demopolis,	150 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	60 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	780 00
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	500 00
Athens Mission,	20 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	40 00
Trinity Parish, Florence,	25 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas County,	25 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	30 00
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	10 00
St. Mary's Parish, Camden,	10 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station,	10 00
Montevallo Mission,	20 00
Total,	$4,795 00

On motion, the Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, the arrears of St. John's Church, Elyton, for the past year, amounting to $50.00, were remitted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Fifty Dollars, for services as Secretary to the Convention during the present session.

Also: That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Premium on the Life Policy of the Bishop, being One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Dollars and Twenty-five Cents.

Also: That the Treasurer be instructed to pay the Sexton of St. Paul's Church, Selma, Ten Dollars, for attendance upon the Convention.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to transmit to the Registrar of the Diocese, the vouchers presented by the Treasurer of the Diocese and the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Also: That the Secretary be instructed to have 1000 copies of the Journal of this Convention printed.

Also: That the Bishop be requested to have the Parochial Reports made to him published as an Appendix to the Journal of the Convention.

The following Report was presented and read, and on motion, was concurred in, and the Resolution adopted.

The Special Committee appointed to examine the Exhibits of the Treasurer of the Trustees, and the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following Report:

1. The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited by the Committee and

found to be correct, and the balance on hand at the opening of the Convention has been paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

2. The Committee have examined the list of securities reported by the Treasurer, in which the Bishop's Fund is now invested, and find the same to be in strict conformity with the description in "Schedule A" accompanying his Report.

3. It will be remembered that the Special Committee on the Bishop's Fund at the last annual Convention, in view of the general depression then existing, and the continuous and alarming depreciation of property throughout the South, and of the feeling of apprehension which pervaded the Convention, that the remnant of this Fund, which had been rescued from the ruins of the war, might be again placed in jeopardy by the shrinkage of values from which no local investments seemed to be exempt; recommended a change of the securities then held for the Bishop's Fund into U. S. Government bonds, which was adopted by the Convention.

In accordance with these recommendations, the Treasurer during the last year has purchased $3,000 United States Bonds of 5 per cent. and $400 of 6 per cent. at premiums varying from 17⅝ to 23¼ per cent. As it is highly probable that the Government will soon recall its outstanding bonds and replace them by others bearing a lower rate of interest, it may be worthy of the consideration of the Convention whether the policy of continuing to restrict future investments to this particular class of securities shall be rigidly adhered to.

4. The Committee would renew the recommendation made at the last Convention, for the return of the notes given to the Fund prior to the war, to the several parishes from which they were originally obtained, to be held by them, or surrendered to the makers, as they may deem best; and submit herewith a resolution to give the same effect.

5. The Committee do not offer any resolution in regard to the future disposition of the interest upon the Bishop's Fund, referred to by the Trustees, it being understood that the Committee on Finance have agreed upon a resolution, to be submitted, fulfilling the same object.

The general financial condition of the country embraced in the Diocese of Alabama, has improved perceptibly during the last year, and a gradual return to a reasonable degree of prosperity is assured. The Committee do not therefore apprehend any danger of loss to the Trust upon any investment now held by the Trustees and hitherto considered solvent.

In conclusion, the Committee would take this occasion to express their thanks to the Treasurer, Col. DAWSON, for the clear and explicit manner in which he has placed before them all information necessary to a full understanding of the situation of the Bishop's Fund; and their hope that the Diocese may continue to have the benefit of his faithful and efficient services in this regard, for a long period to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. C. HART,
F. B. CLARK,
D. BUEL.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the notes given by individuals in the several Parishes, before the late war, to the Bishop's Fund, and now in the hands of the Trustees, be returned by the Treasurer to the respective Parishes; provided however, that if any of the notes should be held by the Parishes and the interest collected thereon, such interest is to be applied towards the annual assessment upon such Parish, and to no other purpose; and provided further, that any of the principal collected shall be handed over to the Trustees as part of the Permanent Fund.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered Col. N. H. R. DAWSON, for the faithful and energetic manner in which he has nursed and managed the Bishop's Fund; and it would also express the hope that his effective services in this matter may yet be afforded the Diocese.

Mr. JAMES H. FITTS having declined re-election, Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby tendered Mr. JAMES H. FITTS, for the faithful and efficient manner in which, for five years, he discharged the duties of Treasurer of the Diocese.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

Mr. GAYLORD B. CLARK was nominated and elected Registrar of the Diocese, the former Registrar, Mr. M. E. MACARTNEY, having resigned that position.

The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund being elected by ballot, Rev. ELLISON CAPERS and Mr. STEPHENS CROOM, were appointed tellers: and the balloting resulted in the election of Messrs. N. H. R. DAWSON, JOSIAH MORRIS and H. C. HART.

On motion, Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON was designated as Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund.

Mr. F. B. CLARK was nominated and elected Treasurer of the University of the South, for the Diocese of Alabama.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector, Vestry and Congregation of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and to the Citizens generally, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended by them to the members of this Body, which have contributed so much to their comfort and pleasure.

Also: That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the Rail Road Companies in the State for courtesies extended to members of the same, in travelling to and from their homes.

Also: That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to Captain RICHARD H. ENGLISH, Editor of the Selma Times, for his liberality and kindness to this Body during its present session.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund shall hereafter transmit quarterly to the Rectors in the Diocese, a short summary of his receipts and disbursements, instead of the full Quarterly Report heretofore required.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to transmit to the Registrar 100 copies of the Journal, to be kept by him exclusively for furnishing demands for copies from other Dioceses.

The following Preamble and Resolution were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Convention did on 24th May, 1869, take out a Policy on the life of the Bishop of the Diocese for the sum of $5,000 00, and

WHEREAS, by partial payment of premium, the principal has been, and is now being yearly reduced: therefore be it

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to take the subject into consideration, with instructions to enquire as to the expediency of transferring the Policy to some other Company, and with power to adopt such measures as shall accomplish the original purpose.

Dr. B. H. RIGGS and Mr. THOS. PETERS, Jr. were appointed on this Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Bishop's Address relating to the death of Mrs. COBBS, made the following Report—(See Appendix G.)—which, on motion, was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint a Committee of two Clergyman and two Laymen, to draw up resolutions expressive of the esteem in which this Convention holds the memory of the late Bishop JOHNS, of Virginia.

Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, Rev. Dr. BANISTER, Mr. S. G. JONES and Mr. DAVID MINGE, were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 7 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

SELMA, ALA., May 14th, 1876,
7½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Special Committee in regard to the expression of the esteem in which the late Bishop JOHNS, of Virginia, was held by this Convention, made their Report—(See Appendix H)—which, on motion, was adopted by a rising vote.

On motion, the Convention adjourned "*sine die.*"

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Annual Report of Official Labors

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

FOR YEAR 1875—'76.

1875—May 26th.—Met the Annual Convention of the Diocese at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and after a sermon by the Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D., celebrated Holy Communion.

I spent the remainder of the week in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention and the worship of the Sanctuary; celebrating Holy Communion daily.

May 30th.—(1st Sunday after Trinity)—Held an ordination at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, and ordered Priest the Rev. WM. J. LEMON; ordination sermon preached by myself; candidate presented by Rev. R. H. COBBS, who, with the Rev. Messrs. BEARD and MASSEY, united in the imposition of hands. I also celebrated Holy Communion.

The Canonical Certificate of the Rev. W. J. LEMON's proficiency in sacred learning was signed by the Rev. Messrs. R. H. COBBS and GEO. H. HUNT, examiners.

At evening service of same day, after a sermon by the Rev. P. A. FITTS, addressed the congregation and the clergy, and thus concluded the services of the Annual Convention.

June 6th.—(2d Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

June 8th—Attended the funeral of an infant.

About this time I met with a painful accident, which obliged me to recall a long list of appointments for the month of June, and kept me at home for the remainder of the summer.

June 20th.—(4th Sunday after Trinity)—At St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, made an address to the congregation and confirmed four persons.

August 8th.—(11th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

August 15th.—(12th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill, and baptized an infant.

August 22d.—(13th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

August 27th.—Attended a funeral at Trinity Church, Mobile.

August 29th.—(14th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Mary's Church, Summerville.

September 5th.—(15th. Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, in the morning, and at St. Mary's, Summerville, in the afternoon; at the latter service baptizing an infant.

September 12th.—(16th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

September 14th.—At Spring Hill, married a couple.

September 19th.—(17th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached and celebrated Holy Communion at Trinity Church, Mobile.

At evening service preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

September 26.—(18th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

October 3d.—(19th Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at Christ Church, Mobile, and, after a sermon by the Rector, celebrated Holy Communion.

October 10th—(20th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler; baptized an adult, confirmed 7 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

October 17th.—(21st Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Emmanuel Church, Henrico, Va.

At night preached at St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va.

October 19th.—Married a couple at Richmond, Va.

October 24th.—(22d Sunday after Trinity)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 7th.—(24th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

November 13th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Florence.

November 14th.—(25th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached at Trinity Church, Florence, confirmed one person and celebrated Holy Communion: also, celebrated Holy Communion with sick person in private.

In afternoon of same day, preached at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia.

November 15th.—(Preached again at same Church; confirmed three persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

I was gratified to see that the Church building in Tuscumbia, which had been almost destroyed by the late tornado, had been put in complete repair. The result is due to the unwearied exertions of the Rev. PETER WAGER, Deacon, officiating. He met with but little sympathy within or without the Diocese, but struggled on faithfully to the completion of the work under every possible discouragement.

November 16—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur. In the evening preached again; baptizing one adult and two children, and confirming twelve persons.

November 17—Preached again at Decatur and celebrated Holy Communion. After service, confirmed a sick person in private and celebrated Holy Communion.

Preached at Athens the evening of the same day.

November 18th.—Preached again at Athens; baptizing three adults and one infant. In the evening preached and confirmed three persons.

November 19.—Preached again and celebrated Holy Communion.

The services at Athens were held in the Baptist House of Worship, which had been rented by our people for the year last past.

At all the places visited up to this time in North Alabama, the congregations were small, but the few people remaining continue steadfast in the Apostolic Faith and Fellowship, and fully appreciate the few services which we are able to afford them.

November 19th.—Preached at evening service in the Town Hall at Madison Station to a large and attentive congregation.

November 20th.—Preached at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

November 21st.—(26th Sunday after Trinity)—Preached again at same Church, morning and evening; at the latter service confirming twelve persons.

November 22d.—At early morning service celebrated Holy Communion in same Church, and made an address to the congregation.

November 22d.—Preached at Trinity Station, Morgan County, (in the Methodist House of Worship, kindly loaned for the occasion) and confirmed seven persons. I also baptized an adult.

This was my first visitation to Trinity Station. It is situated on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad, six miles west from Decatur. There is a very promising field of labor along the whole line of this Railroad, but it is almost utterly neglected for want of means to support the laborers.

November 24th—Preached at St. John's Church, Elyton, and confirmed two persons.

At evening service of same day, preached at Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

November 25th.—(Thanksgiving Day)—Preached at same Church, confirmed three persons and celebrated Holy Communion. This Church was vacant at the time of my visitation; the Rev. P. A. Fitts, late Rector, having been transferred to the Diocese of Tennessee.

November 28th.—(1st Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

December 5th.—(2d Sunday in Advent)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 11th.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula.

December 12th.—(3d Sunday in Advent)—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church; at the latter service confirming two persons.

December 13th.—Preached at Grace Church, Clayton.

December 14th.—Preached at same Church, morning and evening, confirming four persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

The Church Building at this place, costing some $4,000, is most creditable in every respect to the taste and liberality of the people. The congregation is as yet a very small one, but gives large promise of growth under the faithful and energetic ministry of the Missionary in charge—the Rev. Deb. Wad-

DELL. In consequence of a remaining debt I could not consecrate the building. Since writing the above I learn that the debt has been paid.

December 16th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Union Springs, baptizing an infant and celebrating Holy Communion.

There is, as yet, no Church Edifice at Union Springs, and we were indebted to the kindness of our Methodist Brethren for the use of their House of Worship at this visitation.

The congregation at Union Springs are making an effort to purchase a building and convert it into a Church. They deserve the sympathy and help of their brethren in more favored localities. Indeed, the same may be said of all our missionary points, where a very few people, with but limited means, are striving to build an altar for the worship of GOD. When shall we learn the blessedness of looking upon "the things of others" as having a claim upon our generous sympathies? Since writing this report I learn that a building has been secured.

In consequence of the uncompleted state of the Church Edifice at Opelika, it was thought best, upon conference with the Rector in charge, to defer my visitation at that point to a later day, and accordingly my appointment for that place was withdrawn.

December 19th.—(4th Sunday in Advent)—Preached at St. John's Church, Montgomery, morning and evening; at the latter service confirming six persons.

During my stay in Montgomery I had the satisfaction of seeing that the long delayed purpose of the Diocese, in regard to a monument to their first Bishop, had been carried into effect.

I am sure that the whole Diocese will be interested to learn that the monument to Bishop COBBS is appropriate to the man, whose character and services it is erected to commemorate. Pure in character, massive in style, chaste in expression, it tells, as well as stone can tell, of a character in perfect harmony with all those attributes. But his more imperishable record is on high, and in the hearts of the many thousands who have learned to bless his memory. This record will survive when all the monuments of time shall have crumbled into dust or passed into oblivion.

It deserves to be recorded here that this Diocese is indebted for the design of the monument to the taste and skill of the Rev. JOHN H. HOPKINS, D. D., of the Diocese of Albany.

December 25th,—(Christmas Day)—Participated in the services at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

December 26th.—(Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

December 27th.—Attended a meeting of the Convocation of Mobile.

1876—January 2.—(2d Sunday after Christmas)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile; after service confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by Rev. T. J. BEARD.

January 6th.—(Epiphany)—Participated in services at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed one person.

In the afternoon of the same day, at the Oratory of the Church Home, admitted two persons as Probationers for the office of Deaconess.

January 9th.—(1st Sunday after Epiphany)—Failed to meet an appointment at Selma, because of an accident to the Railroad.

January 11th.—At St. Paul's Church, Selma, united a couple in Holy Matrimony.

In the evening of same day, I preached in the new Church building at Montevallo. The little flock at this Mission Station deserve great credit for their energy and perseverance. Under every discouragement they had succeeded in putting up the framework of a little building. Before it was completed it was swept away by a violent tornado. Nothing discouraged, and with very little help from abroad, the people went to work with redoubled diligence, and restored and completed the building. It surprised me to see at how small a cost a very neat and church-like building could be erected. Our Evangelist at that Station has learned the art of accomplishing a great deal with very limited means. He is dotting the whole line of the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad with neat and inexpensive Church buildings—the foreshadowing, I trust, of more perfect structures in time to come.

January 12th.—Preached at Talladega.

January 13th.—Preached at Talladega, morning and evening; at the latter service confirming two persons.

January 15th.—Preached at Anniston (formerly Woodstock) the site of extensive iron works on the Selma, Rome and Dalton Railroad.

I was gratified to learn that the liberal proprietors of these works have purposed in their hearts to erect a Church building, and to maintain the regular services of the Church.

January 16th.—(2d Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, morning and evening; at the latter service confirming thirteen persons—all male members of the congregation—a spectacle rarely beheld. This was indeed an interesting service, and many hearts were made glad that day.

From Jacksonville I went to the Diocese of Tennessee, in pursuance of a request from the Ecclesiastical Authority thereof, that I should make an Episcopal visitation of Trinity Parish, Clarksville. I remained there several days, preaching daily.

January 23d.—(3d Sunday after the Epiphany)—I preached in the morning at Clarksville again, and confirmed thirteen: celebrating also Holy Communion. At night preached again and confirmed two persons, giving fifteen as the number confirmed at Clarksville.

It will gratify the many friends of the Rev. PHILIP A. FITTS to know of his welfare and usefulness in his new field of labor. Whilst we deplore his departure from our Diocese, it consoles us to know that the gain to another Diocese equals our loss. May GOD abundantly bless him and his devoted flock. I can never forget their great kindness to me at this visitation.

January 24th.—I stopped at Cedar Hill, a Mission Station on the Clarksville and Nashville Railroad, preached and confirmed five persons. This Mission Station is under the pastoral care of Rev. L. L. LURTON, M. D.

January 29th.—Spent the day in examining two candidates for Deacon's Orders; the Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., and T. J. BEARD, examining chaplains.

January 30th.—(4th Sunday after the Epiphany)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

February 2d.—(The Purification of Saint Mary, the Virgin)—Held an Ordination at St. John's Church, Mobile, and ordained Deacons DANIEL FORNEY HOKE and JAMES ALEXANDER VANHOOSE—candidates presented by the Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.; sermon by myself. The Rev. Messrs. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., and T. J. BEARD, Examining Chaplains, gave the required certificates of proficiency on the part of the persons ordained.

I experienced much satisfaction in ordaining these young men to the sacred ministry. I hope for much from their labors—for, like the original Deacons, they were designated by their congregations respectively, as men of good report and apt and meet for their holy vocation.

February 7—Attended session of the Mobile Convocation.

February 9th.—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

February 13th.—(Septuagesima Sunday)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro; confirmed sixteen persons, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service preached and confirmed two persons.

February 14.—Preached again and confirmed six persons; making twenty-four as the number confirmed at this visitation.

February 16.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's, Marion; celebrated Holy Communion and confirmed two persons. At night preached again and confirmed one person.

Februrary 17.—Preached at Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown.

February 18.—Preached, morning and evening, at Church of the Holy Cross.

February 19.—Preached again at same Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 20.—(Sexagesima Sunday)—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis, morning and evening; at the latter service confirming five persons.

February 21.—At early morning service celebrated Holy Communion at same Church.

The Rectorship of the Church at Demopolis was vacant at the time of my visitation, but the Rev. WM. A. STICKNEY, of St. Michael's Church, was present and rendered me valuable assistance.

February 24th.—(St. Matthias' Day)—Held service at St. John's Church, Mobile; preached and set apart a Deaconess; celebrating also Holy Communion.

February 27th.—(Quinquagesima Sunday)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

March 1st.—(Ash Wednesday)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 4th.—Preached at the new church edifice at Selma.

March 5th.—(1st Sunday in Lent)—Preached again in same building and celebrated Holy Communion. At afternoon service addressed the children of the congregation; at evening service preached again and confirmed six persons.

March 6th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba; confirmed three persons and celebrated Holy Communion.

This was my first visitation of St. Luke's for several years. The congregation, though necessarily small, engaged heartily in the services, and I was glad indeed to minister once more within the sacred walls of this beautiful temple. The building is still in excellent repair, and I trust will long stand as a precious memorial of days gone by, and it may be as a pledge of brighter days to come.

From this point I had made arrangements for visiting the rural Churches in the Canebrake, but, on account of the condition of the roads and at the instance of the congregations, concluded to postpone my visitation to a more propitious season.

March 12th.—(2d Sunday in Lent)—Preached at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville, morning and evening.

March 13th.—At early morning service celebrated Holy Communion in same Church.

March 19th.—(3d Sunday in Lent)—Held my annual visitation of Christ Church, Mobile, preached and confirmed fifteen persons. After service confirmed in private a sick member of the same congregation. Number confirmed of Christ Church congregation, since my last annual report, is eighteen persons.

March 25th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa.

March 26th.—(4th Sunday in Lent)—Preached, morning and evening, at the same Church; at the latter service confirming five persons.

March 27th.—At early morning service celebrated Holy Communion at the same Church, and made an address to the congregation.

March 28th.—Preached at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

March 29th.—Preached at same Church; confirming four persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

March 30th.—Preached at St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene; confirming three persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

The congregation that formerly worshipped at St. Mark's has almost entirely disappeared. Deaths and removals have almost annihilated it. There may possibly be a change from the present condition of things in a few years, but, at present, it seems to be useless to attempt to keep up services.

From St. Mark's I purposed visiting Forkland in the same county, but in consequence of the condition of the roads I was compelled to forego my appointment and return to the Railroad.

April 2d—(5th Sunday in Lent)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Livingston.

April 3d.—Preached again at same Church.

At this point I was cut off from all means of reaching Mobile for several days, and was not able to reach my appointment at Montgomery until late Saturday night.

April 9th.—(Sunday before Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. John's Church, Montgomery; at the latter service confirming nineteen

persons—making, with the six previously confirmed, twenty-five confirmed in this Parish since my last report.

April 10th and 11th.—(Monday and Tuesday before Easter)—Participated in the services at same Church.

In consequence of the high water I was unable to fulfil my appointment at Autaugaville.

April 12th.—(Wednesday before Easter)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'.

April 13th.—(Thursday before Easter)—Preached again at same Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 14th.—(Good Friday)—Preached at St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville; baptizing an adult and confirming five persons. In the afternoon of same day I baptized an infant child of the congregation.

April 16th.—(Easter Day)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service preached again at same Church and confirmed twenty-six persons.

April 23d—(1st Sunday after Easter)—At St. John's Church, Mobile, addressed the children of the congregation at early morning prayers. At midday service preached and confirmed twenty-eight persons. After public service confirmed two sick persons in private; candidates presented by the Rev. T. J. Beard.

April 27th.—At Trinity Church, Mobile, joined together a couple in Holy Matrimony.

April 30th.—(2d Sunday after Easter)—Held my annual visitation at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill; preached and confirmed two persons, making six as the number confirmed at this Church since last report.

May 1st.—(St. Philip's and St. James' Day)—Held a supplementary confirmation at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed five persons, made an address and celebrated Holy Communion; thirty-seven confirmed at this Church since last report.

May 3d.—Held supplementary confirmation at Trinity Church, Mobile: made an address to the congregation and confirmed nine persons; thirty-five confirmed at this Church for the year just ended.

May 7th.—(3d Sunday after Easter)—Officiated at St. Andrew's Church, Macon; preached, confirmed one person and celebrated Holy Communion.

May 8th.—Failed again to fulfil my appointment at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County, because of heavy and continued rains.

I have made unusual exertions to make a complete visitation of the Diocese for the Conventional year now closed. But in consequence of the unprecedented rains and stoppage of travel, I have been unable to meet some of my appointments, viz: at Carlowville, County Line, Camden, St. David's, &c.

It is only within the last few days that intelligence has reached me of the decease of Mrs. Cobbs, the widow of our late revered Bishop. I had heard of her extreme illness, and had held myself in readiness to attend her funeral in the event of her death. It would have been a melancholy satisfaction to me

to have been able to render this last tribute of personal affection and official respect. I trust that you will be able to put on record a suitable expression of the love and esteem in which we hold her memory.

SUMMARY.

The following is a Summary of my official labors since my last Annual Report, viz:

Deaconess set apart,	1
Deacons Ordained,	2
Priests Ordained,	1
Lay Readers Licensed,	3
Baptisms—viz: Adults 7; Infants 7;	14
Marriages,	4
Funerals,	2
Confirmations—viz: in Tennessee 20; in Alabama 252	272

CONSENTS.

I have given my consent to the consecration of the Rev. Drs. McLaren and Brown to the Episcopate of the Dioceses of Illinois and Fond du Lac, respectively.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have received into the Diocese the Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, with Letters Dimissory from the Bishop of Georgia; and the Rev. Ellison Capers, with Letters Dimissory from Bishop of South Carolina.

I have transferred the Rev. R. A. Cobbs with Letters Dimissory to the Bishop of Virginia; the Rev. Wm. J. Lemon to the Diocese of Indiana; and the Rev. Phillip A. Fitts, to the Diocese of Tennessee.

CLERICAL CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

Rev. Chas. E. Cabaniss, (Deacon) has been assigned to duty at St. Mary's Church, Summerville, and St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and as City Missionary in Mobile.

Rev. Ellison Capers has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and has been appointed by me provisional Rector of St. Luke's Church, Cahaba.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., has been appointed provisional Rector of St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

Rev. Dan'l F. Hoke, (Deacon) has been assigned to duty at St. Thomas' Church, Greenville; St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville, and St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

Rev. Ogle Marbury has been compelled by ill health to resign the Rectorship of Trinity Church, Demopolis.

Rev. S. U. Smith has been appointed provisional Rector of St. James' Church, Livingston.

Rev. Wm. A. Stickney has been appointed provisional Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis.

Rev. JAS. H. TICKNOR, D. D., has taken pastoral care of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro', in addition to the charge of Emmanuel Church, Opelika, and has been appointed provisional Rector of St. Andrews' Church, Hayneville.

Rev. JAMES A. VANHOOSE (Deacon) has been assigned to duty at Church of the Advent, Birmingham, St. Paul's Church, Decatur, Athens and Trinity Station.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received notices of depositions from the Sacred Ministry as follows, viz: of BENJ. JOHNSON, by Bishop of Georgia; of W. B. FELTWELL, W. T. SABINE, B. B. LEACOCK, W. W. SEVER, C. A. FOSTER, J. E. BROWN and W. M. POSTLETHWAITE, by Bishop of New York; of T. L. SMITH, by Bishop of Kansas; of JOHN ROBERTSON, by Bishop of Massachusetts; of GEO. A. REDDLES and A. M. MORRISON, by Bishop of Pennsylvania; of JOHN B. SAYE, by Bishop of Indiana; of MAGRUDER MAURY, by Bishop of Virginia; of P. F. STEVENS, by Bishop of South Carolina; of EDMUND C. COLMEN, (Deacon) by Bishop of Ohio; of GEO. A. COGGESHALL, by Bishop of Rhode Island.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

CHURCH HOME FUND.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1875, as last reported,...		$4,987 11
Amount on hand January, 1876,...		6,799 80
This amount has been since increased by $2,805 50, the proceeds of the Annual "Church Home" Bazaar. Deducting from this sum current expenses to date, I have in hand now, round numbers, $9,000; invested as follows, viz:		
Mobile County Bonds,.....		3,000 00
Certificate of Deposit in Southern Bank,.....		1,500 00
Do do National Commercial Bank, ...		1,500 00
Loaned to Sundries,.....		1,585 00
		$7,585 00

The remainder in National Commercial and First National Banks.

GAINESVILLE CHURCH PROPERTY.

Amount on hand in People's Savings Bank last reported,.....		$2,500 00
Amount paid Vestry of St. James' Church, Livingston, to build Rectory, as per request of the ladies of the Church at Gainesville, and as directed by action of last Convention,.....	$1,023 82	
Amount loaned St. Mary's Church, Summerville, to pay debt on Rectory, ...	750 00	
Amount paid for insuring Rectory of St. Mary's, Summerville, for 3 years, to secure debt to Church at Gainesville,	40 00	
		$1,813 82
		$686 18
Adding accrued interest,.....		29 57
Amount on hand as per Bank Book, March 3, 76, ...		$715 75

In explanation of above account in relation to Gainesville Church property, I have to state—that the Church of St. Mary's, Summerville, was in debt to Mr. JOSEPH W. FIELD, of Mobile, some $1,500, not including interest, for monies advanced by him towards the building of its Rectory. Mr. FIELD, besides having given a liberal subscription towards the building of the Rectory, had advanced the amount stated. He made me a proposition to quit all claim, principal and interest, upon payment of $750 00—which proposition, after conference with my Lay counsel of advice, I accepted. The Rectory is now rented and insured, and the rents, as paid in, are deposited in People's Savings Bank to credit of Gainesville Church Fund. In course of short time, the loan will be returned to the fund of the Church at Gainesville.

THE GIBSON PROPERTY.

It will be remembered (see pp. 38 and 39 of last Journal) that I reported last year the probable value of the late JAMES D. GIBSON'S estate (of which I was Executor by will of deceased) at $2,000 00. One half of said property was to go to Church Home Fund, and the other half, as per action of Convention and in course of law, to the widow of said deceased.

The property consisted for the most part of a bond secured by mortgage on real estate in Rome, Ga. It has been found necessary to foreclose the mortgage; but up to this time, notwithstanding all the efforts of my counsel, M. E. MACARTNEY, Esq., I have been able to collect only a portion of the money and cannot, therefore, make a report of the final settlement of the estate. If I succeed in recovering the whole debt, the estate will be worth about $2,000.

CHURCH WORK WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

I am very much gratified in being able to report that the contributions to the Diocesan Missionary Fund have been greater than they were last year.

Although I made no pledges of any particular sum to our Brethren in the Missionary Field, yet I have been able to afford them timely relief and to sustain all our mission points so far as at present occupied. The report of your Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund will show that all temporary loans have been repaid, and that we enter on a new Conventional year without indebtedness.

In order to enlarge our Missionary operations new and continued effort will be needed. I wish that a very special effort might be made to establish a mission at Tallassee, the seat of a large community of operatives. We made a most auspicious beginning there, but in consequence of the failure of "The Tallassee Manufacturing Company," which had liberally sustained the Mission, we were, in the absence of adequate funds, compelled to relinquish the Mission.

The Rev. Mr. MOWER, who has heretofore labored so successfully in that locality, and gave up his post most reluctantly, and left the Diocese, could, I am persuaded, be induced to resume the undertaking; provided a moderate support could be promised him.

It has been my uniform custom, at the close of my Annual Address, to present for your consideration some topic of immediate interest to the Diocese or to the Church at large.

I give to you at this time some thoughts upon the position which this Church occupies to the religious world around us, and particularly upon the claims of the law of charity in regulating our intercourse with other religious bodies. I am induced to dwell upon this subject for two reasons—one to inspire our hearts with a deeper love to our fellow Christian men, and another, to guard against a misconception and misdirection of the law of charity in our intercourse with them.

There is a wonderful movement going on in the religious world, which may well arrest the attention of every mind that loves the truth and longs for its final triumph. I refer to the disposition of certain leading Christian Denominations to lay aside temporarily their peculiarities, and to unite together for the accomplishment of a specific work. If this spirit proceeds from a greater love for each other and for the truth, the manifestation may well awaken the liveliest interest and sympathy. In any event, the phenomenon deserves serious consideration.

Meanwhile, this Church, for the most part, stands aloof from the "union" movement, and to the casual and superficial observer seems greatly lacking in "*Christian charity*."

That phrase—"*Christian charity*"—is the point to which I direct my remarks. A Church without charity—"dead before GOD"—"a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal!"

The vindication of the present attitude of this Church towards the union movements of the day opens up a vast range of thought and inquiry.

We are, indeed, sadly at fault if our position of isolation can properly be imputed to a want of love to any who name the Name of CHRIST. We are as sadly misunderstood, if it is supposed that we will not wish "grace to all who love our Lord JESUS CHRIST in sincerity." We look with an unutterable longing for the time when we can find full and legitimate scope for the exercise and exhibition of that "charity which rejoiceth in the truth."

In order to look at this whole matter clearly and fully, it is needful that we first understand what is that grace of charity—"the very bond of peace and all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before GOD."

It is declared by the Apostle St. Paul to be the most *indispensable* of all virtues and graces. He says: "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels;" "and though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and knowledge;" "and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor; and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." Thus the Apostle declareth Charity, among all virtues, to be *pre-eminent.*

The most enduring, also; for all else—*tongues*, they shall cease; *knowledge*, it shall vanish away; but "charity never faileth."

Charity is, therefore, according to the Apostle, the grace indispensable, the

grace preeminent, the grace eternal. Nothing will compensate for its absence ; nothing will survive its existence; for GOD is Love—Charity.

It does not fall within my purpose to treat at large upon Charity, and the grounds and reasons of its great preeminence. I select for my present purpose a single characteristic—

"CHARITY REJOICETH IN THE TRUTH."

All things valuable are liable to counterfeit—the most rare, the most liable. Men do not counterfeit the *false*, but the *true*. And there are counterfeits of this Christian grace of charity which pass current and unchallenged, and yet, upon being tested, lack utterly the ring of the true gold of the sanctuary.

For example—one is called a "charitable" person, because he gives alms to the poor. Whereas charity is something so different, that he "might give all his goods to feed the poor," and at the same time, for lack of charity "be nothing."

Almsgiving is, assuredly, one of the *modes* in which charity will manifest itself; for, being "*kind*," it will stretch forth its hand to the needy and helpless. But such benefactions do not necessarily proceed from charity, for they may be prompted by pride and vanity.

Another is called an "uncharitable" person, because he holds stoutly to his own convictions of truth, and as stoutly condemns as erroneous a contrary conviction. Whereas, charity is represented as that virtue, which "*rejoiceth in the truth*."

Sincerity is a great virtue. It is shared in common by men of all opinions. But may not one hold to an *erroneous* opinion very sincerely ? Can you not find sincere and honest men of all opinions ? Can any one doubt that Saul of Tarsus was as sincere when he went to Damascus to persecute the Church of CHRIST, as when he preached in the streets of Damascus that "CHRIST was the SON of GOD ?" Sincerity of conviction the same, but where the difference ? A mighty one. In the one instance, he persecuted, because he *hated* the Christian ; in the other, he preached, because he *loved* CHRIST and sought to save his neighbor. At one time, having zeal enough to give his own body and the bodies of his opposers to be burned ; at another, willing to be accursed, if thereby Israel might be saved; at one time "rejoicing in iniquity"—(error) at the other, "rejoicing in the truth ;" equally sincere at both times, but at one time full of hate, at another, full of love—*charity*.

Truth is then something independent of sincerity.

For example—One believes that CHRIST was a mere man, neither the Lord nor the Saviour of mankind. He believes this sincerely and will, if need be, die for this opinion. Does his sincerity have any thing to do with the truth of his opinion ? If not, then it must follow that our acknowledgement of the sincerity of an opponent—which charity may require us to make—does not shield his error from our condemnation. For our very love to him, to say nothing of our love to CHRIST, would compel us to condemn and expose his error, that he might be brought to a knowledge of the truth. Is it not then evident, that if there be any importance in what a man believes, it is the part of true charity to delight in that which is true, to seek by all proper and le-

gitimate means to root out an opposing error—and that, because it *is* Charity—Love?

This is the great point which I desire to bring out and elucidate. I am assured that there is not only a great want of charity among men—and in this respect, also, charity is a *rare* virtue—but there is a lamentable ignorance as to its true nature. The want of charity parts asunder those, who ought to be dwelling together in love—and the ignorance of what it is, and what it requires, permits a thousand errors to pass on and work their mischief unrebuked, and, indeed, unchallenged. It is in this way, that under the guardianship of a charity, falsely so called, the truth of GOD is treacherously surrendered.

Beloved Brethren, the relation in which we stand to our fellowmen, and particularly our Christian fellowmen, next only to that in which we stand to GOD, ranks first in importance. There is but one law which takes precedence of the law that governs our relative duties—"Thou shalt love the Lord thy GOD," &c., &c.; and the second is like unto it—like unto it in excellence and importance—"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This is the law of charity as it respects our neighbor.

Now when we look out upon society, and see how it is rent asunder by a multitude of varying and conflicting opinions and passions, we can well understand that there must be occasion, hourly and momently, for the application of this ever enduring and unslumbering law of charity. To say nothing of a multitude of particulars—such as the rivalries of trade and professions, and the conflicts of interest and passion, whose name is Legion—I single out, by way of example and illustration, the differences of opinion upon religious questions, expressing themselves in the organization of various denominations and communions.

How shall one deport himself in reference to this condition of things, meeting him, as it does, at every step in life, penetrating the domestic circle, and running its denominational lines even at the hearth-stone?

There are two evils that present themselves as growing out of this diversity and conflict of opinion. The first, and most obvious, is the liability to bad temper, venting itself in harsh judgments and evil speakings, and thus seriously disturbing the harmony of social and domestic life. This is an evil on the surface, and glares upon us at every step. There is another evil, and not so obvious, indeed often unsuspected, in the temptation, for the sake of peace and quiet, to suppress one's convictions, to slur over great truths as unimportant, and thus to bring in a cold indifferentism to all truth. It is to this latter that I direct attention in this Address; not, I trust, in the language of modern conventionalism, nor in that of ancient intolerance, but in that of a divine charity, which is the "bond of peace" as well as of "all virtues," and the universal solvent of all evil and discord.

Now whosoever hopes to bring all men to one mind, or allows himself to be seriously disturbed because he cannot do so, has studied human nature and history to very little purpose. For it is not at all strange that, upon subjects which stir most deeply the soul of man, the most vehement passions of his nature should be aroused. The more men feel, and the more firmly

they believe, the more will their love for what they believe, and their opposition to an opposing belief, be brought out. Hence it is that religious questions, as well as political, have served as the occasions for contentions and wars, which have drenched this fair earth with streams of blood. It is a very sad history—even Church history.

We have fallen, in some respects, on better times. Perhaps there has been no age of the world as little disfigured by a fierce and intolerent spirit as the present. It may be pertinent, however, to inquire whether the present spirit of toleration springs from a larger charity, or from a greater indifference. This is not, indeed, the age for the rack, the fagot, or the crusade. But it admits of question, whether in these times there is zeal enough and love for the truth enough to inspire great masses of men to endure the hardships, pains and selfsacrifices, which those ancient times demanded.

It may be that those men who subjected their fellows to torture for opinion's sake—and such men were confined to no class or designation—did so with the hope that they might win them, and deter others, from what they held to be soul-destroying errors. It was a false but specious logic that they used, when they argued : "If we put to death men who threaten the *bodies* of their fellow men, how much more shall we not put an end to men whose teachings and example will destroy both body and *soul* in hell ?" They mistook the function of government ; they gave it dominion over the soul. They thus invaded the realm of conscience, the domain of GOD's sovereignty, and they did so with the fierceness and unscrupulousness of a harsh and stern age, that had lost sight of the Fatherhood of GOD.

We follow not their example. Is it because we *love more*, or *believe less*—because we have more charity, or less faith ? Surely not an unimportant question. We put not men on the rack, nor apply the torch to their funeral pile ; but how harshly we judge ; how evil we speak ; how we toss about the fiery imputations of "hypocrisy" and the like, and they fall upon tender souls which quiver under the pain. Is the *body* the only part of men that feels the pincers and the flame ?

Surely, Christian people should not bite and devour one another. What then ? Shall they sacrifice or compromise what they hold and believe to be the truth ? There must be a golden mean here, and we must find our way between the spirit of bigotry on the one hand, and the spirit of indifferentism on the other. The light of GOD's holy word illumines the way—"*Charity rejoiceth in the truth.*"

Starting from the admission, which must be made on all sides—that God hath revealed and established nothing insignificant or unimportant—Charity will hold ardently, and contend earnestly for, "all that he hath so revealed." Note the expression—"*Charity will do this.*" And why ? Because it is love—love to GOD supreme and love to another as to one's self.

For in whatever GOD has revealed or established, there is something of importance, either as the revelation of some Divine attribute or will, and therefore necessary to the full exhibition of the Divine mind ; or, as setting forth some duty or doctrine, the recognition and reception of which is neces-

sary to the full and symmetrical system of truth and duty, and, consequently, necessary to the *well being*, if not to the *being*, of the Christian man.

So far then is it from being true, that it is uncharitable to your fellowman to think him in error wherein he differs from you, or to attempt to put him right when you think him to be wrong, the very contrary is true—Charity requires him to do that for doing which he will be regarded, and perhaps stigmatized in modern conventional speech, as an "uncharitable man!"

It is passing strange that, whilst in all other matters, you are called upon to help your neighbor, and your love will be called in question if you do not help him, yet the modern charity requires that you let him alone in his gropings for religious truth, and will brand you as a proselyter for attempting to bring him to your way of thinking—which, your way of thinking, must be to you the way of truth, and that in which your charity must rejoice.

Now by way of example—Suppose you were to see a friend about to embark for a long voyage upon a vessel that had not been well tried at sea—that was not built according to the most approved model—that had no adequate provision for skilled officers to sail her—would it be considered a very friendly, not to say charitable, course for you to keep silence and let him run the risk? Your charity would rejoice in the truth that you knew and he knew not, and you would from love to him impart your counsel.

Why in everything, except that which pertains to the Church and matters of religion, are we uncharitable if we do not help our neighbor with whatever of knowledge and counsel that we can command? If we think our eyes stronger or the light that guides us brighter, we will help one whom we love to pick out his way; why must we let him alone, when he is bewildered and groping for religious truth?

Here is one, who believes that the religious communion to which he belongs is a divine organization—divine in its origin and divine in its universal obligation. He believes this sincerely. He is fully persuaded in his own mind that this divine system is necessary to the preservation and perpetuity of the truth. If he be a man of much charity, he will hold his conviction ardently, and contend earnestly for it. His love to God, the Giver, and to man, the receiver of this truth, will alike inspire it. As a matter of necessity, he must regard his fellowman, who holds an opposing belief, as in error, and in error exactly in proportion to the extent that he differs from himself, and in so far as he can properly do so, try to put him right. Is he uncharitable in thus thinking and acting? How? He may be mistaken in his conclusions, for he is a fallible man. And any one who thinks he is mistaken ought to have charity enough to try and put him right, and not allow him to abide in his error. And these men, thus differing, may live, and, if charitable men, must live in love and peace together; not thinking each other right, for that is to stultify themselves; not making light of the truth held and denied, respectively, for that is to make light of truth, and charity rejoiceth in the truth, there being nothing so precious as truth, not even peace, for the wisdom which cometh from above is *first pure, then peaceable.* Truth at all hazards—peace, if possible. The world and uninstructed Chris-

tians put *peace* first, but alas! theirs is not "the wisdom which cometh from above."

Charity then is not a matter of opinion, it is a matter of the heart—it is love, and the more one loves his neighbor the more will he rejoice to bring him to a knowledge of all truth, so that he may lack no manner of thing that is good.

To charge your neighbor with insincerity, or dishonesty, or hypocrisy, when there is room to believe in, or hope for, better things; Oh! this is uncharitable indeed, and a violation of one of the "two laws" upon which "hang all the law and the prophets." "And with what measure we mete, it shall be measured to us again."

The truth is, that charity concerns more the judgment we form of the motives of others, than the estimate we make of the correctness of their opinions. But the current popular thought is, that charity consists in thinking every one to be right, or at least not seriously wrong, in his opinions. And he who stands up uncompromisingly, however amiably, for his convictions of truth and duty, and will not fall into popular ways, for fear that he may perchance compromise the truth, is branded as an "uncharitable" man—notwithstanding the fact that his charity it is, which forbids him to compromise the truth.

The whole case stands thus—If any one is wanting in love to God and to his fellowman, he is uncharitable, unloving. If he imputes to his fellowman a bad motive, when it is possible to ascribe a good or better one, he is uncharitable, for "charity hopeth all things." If he delights to bring out to view the defects and infirmities of his neighbor, he is uncharitable, for charity is "kind," and "covereth all things." If he holds his opinions in a proud and haughty spirit, he is uncharitable, for "charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, and doth not behave itself unseemly."

But if one is fully persuaded, after all the study and instruction within his reach, of certain truths; if he takes exceeding delight in them—for the mind should rejoice in truth as the eye rejoices in light—if by all proper means he seeks to win others to his own joy in truth—and what a wretched absence of charity there must be when one is indifferent to the welfare and joy of his neighbor—he is by the test of reason and Scripture, and in the sight of God, a charitable man—for "charity rejoiceth in the truth."

Bp. Mant, in his comment upon this passage, thus excellently sums up its meaning: "Charity, saith the Apostle, rejoiceth in the truth. It rejoiceth not in lending countenance and encouragement to delusion; not in giving weight and circulation to error; not in promoting "the worshipping of imaginations," and establishing, as it were, in the temple of God the conceits of human pride; not in extending indiscriminate protection and succor to discordant and conflicting systems of faith; but it rejoiceth in a cordial, unshaken, unmixed attachment to the revealed will and word of God; in an entire devotion to "the truth as it is in Jesus;" in a conscientious and exclusive zeal for those doctrines which the Holy Spirit "once-delivered unto the Saints;" and for that system of order, decency and peace, of which He was the author in the Apostolic Church. Sensible, indeed, of the weakness and

imperfections incident to human nature, she "doth not" on the one hand, "behave herself unseemly" toward those who differ from her; she thinketh no evil of her opponents; but with compassion and benignity she "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." But persuaded, on the other hand, that "the truth" is simple, and one, like its great Author, "the Father of Lights, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning," in the truth she rejoiceth: not only making it the object of her own affections, but studious to excite love and admiration of it in others."

Here, dear brethren, with this good Bishop, setting forth the meaning of the Apostle in all its large comprehensiveness and sweet benignity, we may take our stand. Here we can stand the test of reason, here abide the judgment of GOD, and here fear not the judgment of men.

We cannot ask the men of this world to interpret for us the law of Christian Charity. They cannot be our judges in this matter. To them the varying and conflicting opinions of Christian people—even when they concern such questions as the nature and origin of ministerial authority, yes, even the nature and office of CHRIST himself—are of less consequence than the petty and transient political issues of the hour. We should have no aspirations for the reputation of that charity which means indifference, nor should we dread the imputation of bigotry, when it means a deep devotion to, and joy in, the truth. King Solomon, the wise, discovered the true mother of the child by proposing to divide and mutilate it. The false mother was willing to compromise in any way. It requires not the wisdom of Solomon to determine that he, who will be satisfied with the truth divided and mutilated, is not nearly related to, nor rejoiceth in, the truth.

Nor must we ask Christian people, who have no very fixed and definite convictions of truth, to define for us the metes and bounds of Christian Charity. With many of them—and alas! we have them in our midst, and of our own communion—the great living glorious truths of revelation have less attraction and power than the most trifling objects of human pursuit.

There are reasons deep laid in the constitution of man's nature, and far reaching in their consequences, which never appear to careless and superficial observers. They cannot be our judges in this matter. A greater than all has taught us, to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered unto the saints;" and to "speak the truth in love;" thus in a loving earnestness to realize the idea of "Charity rejoicing in the truth."

And were such a spirit shed abroad through Christendom, a spirit which drew all Christian hearts together in sympathy, then would be begun a movement which would not end, until the declaration of our Blessed Lord had its complete fulfilment, and "there should be one fold and one shepherd." If people love, they will love to be together; after awhile they will yearn to "dwell together," and will then be willing to sacrifice every thing, but truth, that they might dwell together in unity.

Let it be understood that there is such a thing as truth, definite, established, Catholic truth—that all must seek out this truth and rejoice in it, and unite upon it, and sacrifice something for it, and then the problem of a vexed and distracted Christendom approaches its solution.

Pilate's ignorance of what truth was, led him to commit the foulest wrong ever committed against "The Truth," and consigned him to a hopeless infamy, and pilloried him forever in the Creed. It was his business to know the truth, and to know that he could not learn it by asking of the people. Alas! the multitudes who are seduced from the truth by following the popular cry. No! indifferentism cannot solve any problem. It is disintegrating in its tendency, with neither basis nor bond in it. Something positive, not negative, must bind men together.

Temporary unions for prayers and exhortation cannot solve the problem. I fear they rather hinder and postpone it. It is a confession of something wrong, and yet not a full and frank confession. It presents a palliative, where a cure is needed. It satisfies the mind with something so infinitely short of Christian duty and privilege. It patches up a serious breach with a hollow truce. What is needed, and demanded, is a lasting peace and unity.

And yet there is something very captivating in the thought of such a truce to hostilities, however short-lived and delusive. The earnest Christian heart is not content to live in a state of isolation from Christian brethren. It is indeed the way whereby "we know we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren." And I doubt not that the love of Christian brethren, and the yearning after a lost unity, is oft-times expressed in the modern efforts to bring about these occasional unions and Alliances.

Alas! that they should ever satisfy any Christian heart; and alas! that multitudes are sitting down contented with this delusive peace; finding beauty, and almost merit, in a kaleidoscopic Christianity; rejoicing in the refracted and decomposed rays which they respectively represent, and only blending themselves together, for a moment, to exhibit the pure original beams of truth.

In view of all this, it may be worth while to subject to a little closer inspection and analysis this newly proposed remedy for healing the divisions of Christendom and binding up its shattered fragments. In order to this, we must apply the great test—the law of Charity! For it is alleged that Christian Charity demands such unions and compromises, and that they who fall not in with the proposed method are sadly lacking in that exalted virtue.

Let us see. If it be "uncharitable" to decline a temporary union with other Christian people, and for the reason that "they are substantially agreed on all important points"—and that is the popular phrase—then how *uncharitable* must have been the original separation between these people, and how uncharitable it must be to perpetuate such separation!

If it be urged "that for a little while, and in order to effect a specific good, Christian people ought to drop their peculiarities, and come together in worship and fellowship." If this be true, then ought they not for a stronger reason to do this, in order to promote a *general* and *permanent* good? This must be so, unless a particular and transient good is more desirable than an enduring and general good; or unless it can be shown that the good sought is to be found in only *occasionally* letting down the denominational fences, and feeding in a common pasture.

And if, for the sake of a temporary good, there be any peculiarity which

one can properly lay aside for an hour, a day, a week, what hinders but that for the sake of a continued and greater good, he may not lay it aside for a month, a year, forever!

And is there not, in this willingness to drop their denominational peculiarities, a practical and substantial admission, that at last there is nothing of great importance in them—that, consequently, there is no sufficient ground for the continued separation of these people, if any good can be shown to proceed from their union, and, therefore, a virtual condemnation of the fact and spirit of sectism?

It is admitted on all hands that the denominational divisions in the missionary field are the occasion, if not the cause, of much perplexity and bewilderment to the Heathen mind, even to those who are on the whole favorably disposed towards Christianity. We can well imagine how distracting must be the denominational view to a Heathen inquirer. It tends to bewilder even the ordinary Christian mind.

A very important and pertinent question arises in view of that condition of things. If now, in order to bring the whole force of Christian sentiment and devotion to bear upon any particular Christian community at any given time, there is an imperative call upon all Christian people to suppress their individual and denominational views, and it is "very uncharitable" in them not so to do, when summoned by the voice of a majority of resident ministers, or the presence of a revival preacher; what shall we say of the urgency of the call to unite all the forces of Christianity upon the vast Heathen world, at the word of CHRIST, and in fulfilment of His prayer—"That they all be one; as Thou, FATHER, art in me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Ah! what deep significance in the words—"*That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me!*" How can a community of sects impress the world, and especially the Heathen world, with the Divine Original of Christianity?

But if it be alleged, as it is, "that it is not a mere *peculiarity* that is laid aside, but a *principle*, which cannot be given up, but only held in abeyance, for a little while, in order to impress a community, and to prevail with GOD by united prayer." What then? Is not this indeed a spectacle? a multitude of Ministers of GOD—witnesses for truth and principle—coming together and combining to suppress, each for himself, a part of GOD's truth, and for GOD's sake as is alleged, and that on the ground that GOD has revealed unimportant truth! What a spectacle in the sight of Heaven! It may possibly for awhile impose upon the multitude, for they are easily deceived by any superficial and sensational movement that is popularized to the public ear. But how can it be justified in the sight of GOD—this holding fast and loose by certain truths? It is these very truths and principles, so called—which they are willing to ignore at times—that constitute the bases severally of the denominational bodies. The unity of the Church of GOD was broken that these bases of organizations might be maintained, and yet, for any particular purpose they may be suppressed. Is this indeed of the nature of charity, whose essence is supreme love to GOD and veneration for His Truth?

And can such a hollow and superficial union, by suppression of truth, impose long upon the world? Will they not see in it a mere suspension of antagonism? And when it is disclosed in all its unrealness, will it not tend to increase the general infidelity toward all truth?

And if it be alleged, as it is, that our branch of the Church allows of differences of conviction in matters not of "the Faith" and that such allowance is of the nature of holding said tolerated opinion in abeyance, or under suppression; I answer that it is true there is a certain latitude allowed, but there is no suppression of convictions expected or demanded. And it is this condition of things which vindicates the Catholic attitude of this Church, and, as time rolls on, will more and more commend her attitude as occupying the only substantial and practicable ground for the union of Christendom; the primitive Faith and Apostolic order.

Besides, let us follow out for a little the ultimate tendency of this newly proposed solution of the Denominational imbroglio—this union by suppression of truth—now under view. Who shall assign its limits? Shall it embrace all phases of faith? It must do so, it must include all sincere people, if sincerity be accepted as the test and touchstone. Then it must not stop with Christian people; it must include the sincere Jew, Mussulman and Pagan. Indeed do we not see indications in high quarters that the world demands the application of this so-called charity to the most unlimited extent? The principle under view—of making sincerity the test—if carried to its utmost verge, must lay aside, and drop out of view, the very name of Christian, lest the sensibilities of a brother religionist, a Jew, or Hindoo, might be wounded. That constituted the great difficulty in Pagan Rome, and lighted the flames of persecution, and loosed the jaws of lions—that the early Martyrs were not content to be one of many religions, but were uncharitable enough to proselyte their neighbors to their way of thinking.

Then, if sincerity be not the test, what shall it be? Orthodoxy? Then, who shall determine the standard of Orthodoxy? Shall it be a fixed, or a varying standard? If varying, shall it depend upon locality, numbers or social influence; so that, for example, in those sections where Unitarianism has taken hold of the social life and seats of learning, the Doctrine of CHRIST's Divinity must not be obtruded upon the Union meeting, lest the feelings of sincere Christian people be wounded. What becomes of truth, and reverence for truth amid all this confusion and uncertainty?

And, if not a varying but a fixed standard, then how shall it be fixed? By calling together all good Christian people and determining the whole question of doctrine afresh, in the light of modern science, and by the aid of modern developements, or by having recourse to the ancient and established faith of the universal Creeds, as setting forth authoritatively the teaching of GOD's most holy word? Every inquiry brings us back to the standpoint of this, our branch of the Church of CHRIST—the hope of Christendom, because the key of the position, the centre of unity in the faith.

Ah! if we might hope that the great popular religious movement of this, our day, conducted as we have reason to believe, without any necessary re-

cognition of Ministry, Creed or Sacraments, and furnishing no evidence of responsibility anywhere, save to popular acceptation and satisfaction, would tend to show the multitudes of our people that their little traditions and notions are no part of the Catholic Faith or Order, and should not be allowed to disturb the peace of Christendom and dissipate its strength; and if they might learn, by the *occasional* dropping of their little peculiarities, to drop them *altogether*, and to sink forever the spirit of the sect, we would see many a bright spot amid the present chaos of religious thought and action.

But if, on the other hand, the movement means—and there is cause to fear it—that men are coming into power and influence, and controlling the public mind, who have no established Doctrine, to which they have subscribed; who ignore a Ministry, and an educated Ministry; who, practically, do away with the Sacraments of CHRIST's ordination in their efforts to bring men to CHRIST; who give to the winds all that the Church of GOD hath reverenced and established; and if they then cry "Peace on Earth" and unity in the Church; imposing upon themselves and upon the multitudes, who ever echo back the last pleasing popular cry; and if the Christian heart, in its yearnings for a lost unity and charity, is to be made satisfied with this huge agglomeration of discordant mutually repelling atoms—"*Monstrum ingens, et horrendum, cui lumen ademptum*"—then a long farewell to that day to which all Christian hearts should be looking—the day of peace within the borders of Jerusalem. There may still remain something of Faith, and Hope will not altogether desert us—though "a long deferred hope maketh the heart sick"—but the greatest of all—Charity—where will be the Charity which rejoiceth in the truth?

In conclusion, therefore, I feel warranted to say, that the attitude of this Church to-day towards all these popular union movements is not only not uncharitable, but, on the contrary, that the highest and most far-reaching Charity demands us to maintain the position which we occupy. We are set for the maintenance of a great truth. Our numbers are not great—and the raillery which amuses itself with our want of numbers, as if truth and right were to be determined by a plurality of votes, is altogether out of place, both impertinent and irrelevant—but our position is one of incalculable importance. We hold to that which "was always, is now, and ever shall be." Were we to abandon it, or compromise it, we should surrender the point, round which Christendom must at last rally. All the indications of movement, home and abroad, point to our position as the only possible centre of gravitation; a logical necessity demands it. Amid the surgings of the conflict, and the swaying to and fro of the armies of the Church Militant, she holds unswervingly this point against all the assaults of error and infidelity. She it is that has unlocked the word of GOD and pours forth its treasures before the world. Wherever she is planted, she becomes the centre of order, civilization and refinement. Not uncharitably, but most charitably, she utters her protest against all new dogmas—come they whence they may—and invites all Christian people to walk in the ancient path of primitive truth and Apostolic order. It is this her position that compels her to stand aloof from all abor-

tive and delusive compromises—not from a spirit of separatism, nor in a spirit of unsympathizing indifference, GOD forbid! but with the purpose to hold the ancient truth as settled and received from Holy Scriptures, and thus to furnish the only possible centre of peace and union for all Christian people. In this her Charity rejoiceth, yea, and will rejoice.

Perhaps I can bring out the point, which I have made, more clearly, by an illustration drawn from an incident in my own life.

I was sitting one day in my study, when the servant ushered in a committee of ministers of several Christian Communions. After an interchange of the usual courtesies, one of the Committee, who acted as spokesman, said: "We have called to see if you would join us in a union prayer meeting." I replied that "it would give me very great pleasure to do so." He said "it gratified him very much to hear me speak in that way, for he had feared, from what he heard of my general views, that I would not feel free to engage in a meeting of that description." I replied that "the great desire of my heart was to unite with all Christian people in the worship of GOD." "But," I went on to say, "I am not contented to meet with you for an hour, a day, or a week." "I have too great a regard for you to rest satisfied with this brief suspension of hostilities. I would fain dwell together with you in a lasting unity. Suppose we take the Worship, Faith and Order of the Church for the first three centuries, and base our union upon the unquestionable facts of that era. I pledge myself to unite with you on that basis."

After some hesitation and some confusion, he replied, "No sir, we do not feel ourselves prepared for such a programme," and rose to take his leave, the others rising with him. "Now," said I, as they were departing, "don't say that I declined to join you in worship, but that I proposed an intimacy and duration of worship with you for which you did not feel yourselves prepared."

Now these men were earnest and good men. Do you suppose it would not have gladdened my heart to have compassed with them the Altar of GOD? But to what end? The closer together you bring heterogeneous and discordant elements, the greater the ultimate repulsion. One of these men believed that I never had received Christian Baptism, and, consequently, that I was not a member of the Church of CHRIST; and he believed this sincerely, and I had respect for his sincerity. After laboring and praying together we could not "break bread" together. What sort of a union could we make together, when we could not unite in the highest act of Christian worship? Are our people prepared to be satisfied with such a sham union as this? If so, oh! how far off is the day, the promised and blessed day, when "there shall be one fold and one shepherd;" when charity which shall have swallowed up faith, and become the fruition of hope, shall rejoice in the triumph of all truth! GOD speed the day! AMEN.

Faithfully, your Bishop,

RICH. H. WILMER.

Selma, Diocese of Alabama, May 10th, 1876.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rector.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—Present No.			297
Sunday School—Teachers, 16; scholars 140,		Total..	156
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 25; Private 11		Total..	36
Baptisms			18
Confirmations,			18
Marriages,			3
Funerals			18
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,			9
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,600 00		
Convention Fund	780 00		
Current Expenses	1,370 78		
Repairs	500 00—	$6,250	78
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	330 93		
Otherwise,	25 00—	355	93
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	1,317 45		
Diocesan Missions	537 70		
Convocation Missionary	171 00—	2,026	15
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	177 23		
Foreign Missions	51 25—	228	48
Other Contributions for Church purposes		319	40
Total Expenditures		$9,180	74

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

May 1st, 1876.

Baptisms—Adults 2; Infants 6	Total..	8
Confirmations, 1; Persons Confirmed		5
Marriages		2
Burials		11

Communicants—Reported in 1875,	136	
Since lost by death 2 ; by removals 7,	9—	127
Added by first communion 9 ; added by removals into the Parish 7		16
Present Number,		143
Sunday Schools—Teachers 12 ; Pupils 72	Total..	84
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 12 ; Private 1	Total..	13
Collections—Weekly Offertory	$1,495	25
Offerings of Sunday School	89	00
By Subscription Lists	61	00
Otherwise	433	31
Total Collections	$2,078	56
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary,	$1,375	00
To Convention Assessment	200	00
To Incidental Expenses,	212	34
To Diocesan Missions	70	00
To Sunday School	75	00
Total Appropriations,	$1,932	34

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 121 ; died 2 ; removed 6,	Present No..		140
Sunday School—Teachers 7 ; scholars 50	Total..		57
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 13 ; private 4	Total..		17
Baptisms—Adults 2 ; infants 12	Total..		14
Confirmations			24
Marriages,			4
Funerals,			5
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,	$930 00		
Convention Fund,	150 00		
Current Expenses,	61 00		
Repairs of Church	403 30		
Repairs of Rectory,	94 43—	$1,638	73
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,		29	20
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions,		112	65
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	5 00		
Foreign Missions,	5 00		
University of the South,	10 00		
Mite Chests,	10 35		
Missions to Colored People	5 00—	35	35
Total Expenditures,		$1,815	93

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—Died 1 ; removed 8,	Present No..	63
Confirmed persons not Communicants		10
Total Parishioners,		157
Sunday School—Teachers 6 ; scholars 40,	Total..	46
Baptisms		7
Confirmations,		5
Marriages,		3
Funerals,		4
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,		$900 00
Convention Fund,		150 00
Current Expenses,		51 90
Repairs on Organ,		12 00
Total Expenditures,		$1,113 90

REMARKS.—Rev. OGLE MARBURY, on account of ill health, resigned his charge of this Parish Feb. 1st last ; since then have been without a Rector. The Church contributed to Diocesan Missions during the year past, and to other objects, but for lack of accurate data the Treasurer cannot report exact amounts.

D. F. PROUT,
Treasurer Trinity Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D., Rector.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 420 ; died 10 ; removed 12 ; added 30 ; Present number,		428
Sunday School—Teachers 22 ; scholars 160	Total..	182
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 18 ; private 10,	Total .	28
Baptisms,		54
Confirmations		25
Marriages,		6
Funerals		14
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$3,500 00	
Convention Fund,	780 00	
Current Expenses	2,190 00—	$6,470 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	260 00	
Easter Offerings	700 00—	960 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions	254 35	
Orphan Home	635 00—	889 35
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	50 00	
Increase of the Ministry	20 00—	70 00
Total Expenditures		$8,389 35

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE.—Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—Removed 1	Present No.	56
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		53
Total Parishioners		109
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 25	Total	30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 11; private 2		13
Baptisms		2
Marriages		2
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	105 00	
Convention Fund,	30 00—	$135 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		20 00
Total Expenditures,		$155 00

Remarks.—In addition to regular alternate services in Carlowville and County Line, I continue to officiate as often as I can in Camden, Wilcox Co. I have engaged statedly for the fifth Sundays in the months and shall give also an evening service on some fourth Sundays throughout the year.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA.—Rev. Ellison Capers, Rector.

May 1st, 1876.

Communicants—Present Number,		188
Total Parishioners		439
Sunday School—Teachers 14; scholars 120	Total	134
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		8
Baptisms		6
Confirmations		6
Marriages		2
Funerals		5
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		6
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$1,250 00	
Convention Fund,	400 00	
Repairs,	4,863 34—	6,413 34
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		119 12
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions,		95 00
Total Expenditures		$6,527 46

Remarks.—The falling off in Communicants, which will be noted in this report, as compared with the report of last year, is mainly accounted for by my not reporting those who habitually do not communicate.

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 59; died 1; removed 6		Present No.	55
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 20		Total	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 12		Total	12
Baptisms			5
Confirmations			3
Funerals			4
Number of months spent in the parish since last report—monthly services.			
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	121 60		
Convention Fund,	50 00—	$171 60	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		12 30	
Other Contributions for Church purposes		30 00	
Total Expenditures		$213 90	

REMARKS—Rev. R. H. COBBS has officiated once a month in our Parish for the past twelve months, administering the Holy Communion at each visit.

E. L. STICKNEY, Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

May 6th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 23		Present No.	32
Sunday School—Teachers 2; scholars 7		Total	9
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			2
Baptisms—Infants			4
Confirmations			3
Marriages			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$224 11		
Current Expenses	14 60		
Repairs	408 71—	647 42	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		4 20	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		4 05	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,		1 15	
Total Expenditures		$656 82	

REMARKS.—The hard times have made it almost impossible to obtain money. The salary of the Minister in charge was paid by articles of food to the amount of $175 00. It will be useless to assess this Mission Station more than $15 00 for the coming year. By the blessing of God the Church is nearly finished completely—only needs to be painted and a flue built. Four Church families have moved from Tuscumbia to the country, leaving only four and three individuals. For those living near Leighton I have a Sunday service when there is a fifth in the month.

PETER WAGER, Minister in charge.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.

May 6th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 50; died 1; removed 5		Present No.	49
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 37		Total	43
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 4; private 1		Total	5
Confirmations			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$236 30		
Convention Fund	16 00		
Current Expenses	37 50		
Repairs	124 60		
Font,	17 00—		431 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	10 95		
Christmas Tree	8 00—		18 95
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions			10 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	26 78		
Foreign Missions,	13 20—		39 98
Total Expenditures,			$500 33

REMARKS—Here, as in many other places, the failure of the cotton crop to half, has caused our Church people to suffer very much financially, and move away. It will be useless to assess this Mission and Church more than Twenty-five Dollars. Last year they were able to pay the assessment and my expenses to the Convention. Have received but five dollars in money this year. The services are well attended and people more earnest in the cause. God be thanked. PETER WAGER, Minister in charge.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 238; Died 1; removed 2.		Present No.	248
Sunday School—Teachers 20; scholars 161		Total	181
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 16; private 2		Total	18
Baptisms			10
Confirmations,			11
Marriages			5
Funerals			4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of the Rector	$2,400 00		
Convention Fund,	500 00		
Current Expenses	310 15—		3,210 15
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms			263 45
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions			173 20
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	31 00		
Foreign Missions	15 00—		46 00
Other contributions for Church purposes			936 50
Total Expenditures			$4,629 30

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.—Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Rector.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—Present Number	26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	4
Baptisms—Infants	3
Funerals	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report—working	7
Parochial Expenditures—	
Convention Fund,	97 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—	
Diocesan Missions	12 85
Total Expenditures	$109 85

REMARKS—My aim has been to give two services a month to this Parish. Bad weather and feeble health have foiled this purpose not unfrequently. I have given three Sundays to Dayton—fifth Sundays.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, UNIONTOWN.

Rev. SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D., Rector.

May 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 38,	Present No.	42
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		45
Total Parishioners		87
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 28	Total	31
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		12
Baptisms—Infants		4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$500 00	
Convention Fund	70 00—	570 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		21 10
Total Expenditures		$591 10

REMARKS.—The Rector is glad to say that the Parish is in a far better condition than it was during the first year of his ministrations, (1875.) His Parishioners are kind and helpful, and more devoted to public attendance on Divine Worship. The Lenten period was a pleasant and profitable occasion. In time he will be able to report a class for Confirmation. The Parish has been without a Rector for several years.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA—Rev. J. C. DAVIS, Rector.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 101; removed 4; received by letter 1		
Present Number		100
Sunday School—Teachers 10; scholars 50	Total	60
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		11
Baptisms—Infants		9
Confirmations		2
Marriages,		1
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,200 00	
Convention Fund,	135 00	
Current Expenses	400 00	
Sunday School	10 00—	1,745 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		80 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		100 00
Other contributions for Church purposes		60 00
Total Expenditures,		$1,985 00

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, EUTAW.—Rev. S. U. Smith, Rector.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 30; died 1; removed 6,	Present No.	28
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 31	Total	34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		12
Baptisms,		3
Confirmations		4
Marriages		2
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector,	$305 00	
Convention Fund	65 00—	370 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		53 23
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		23 85
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	3 00	
University of the South	5 00—	8 00
Total Expenditures		$455 08

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—Present Number (including those at Forkland)	21
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	7
Baptisms,	1
Confirmations,	3
Marriages,	1

Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector,	$110 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—	
Communion Alms,	7 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—	
Domestic Missions,	2 00
	$119 00

Remarks.—I resigned my Rectorship here in April and accepted the provisional charge of St. James', Livingston; held service there the 2d and 4th Sundays in April, baptized one infant and administered Holy Communion once.

S. U. SMITH, Rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 520;	Present No.	507
Sunday School—Teachers 27; scholars 229	Total.	256
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 20; Private 12	Total.	32
Baptisms,		58
Confirmations		35
Marriages,		19
Funerals,		31
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report, between 8 and		9
Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund,	$500 00	
Easter Offerings of Sunday School towards debt of Church	213 10—	$713 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,	339 72	
Other Offerings,	33 50—	373 22
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home—Not known		
Diocesan Missions,		213 60
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions,	58 75	
Foreign Missions,	56 00	
University of the South,	14 00	
Missions to Colored People	16 00—	144 75
Total Expenditures,		$1,444 67

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875; 49; Died 1,	Present No.	60
Baptized Persons not Communicants		48
Total Parishioners		108
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 31	Total.	37
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		11
Baptisms		8
Confirmations,		13
Marriages		5
Funerals		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$250 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms,		35 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		12 00
Total Expenditures,		$297 00

REMARKS.—Here we have had a considerable accession by confirmation. The prospects of the Church are better than for some years past.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Rector.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 523; Died 14; Removed 22,.....Present No.			520
Sunday School—Teachers, 30; scholars 250,.....Total..			280
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 70; Private 38.....Total..			108
Baptisms			68
Confirmations,			37
Marriages,			25
Funerals			52
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$2,000 00		
Convention Fund	250 00		
Current Expenses	341 85		
Repairs	152 15		
Insurance	108 00		
Paid on old debt	80 00		
Expended on Sunday School	65 59—	$2,997 59	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms,	208 55		
Parish Aid Society for the Poor	53 50—	252 05	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home,	720 00		
Diocesan Missions	92 65—	812 65	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	29 15		
Foreign Missions	11 40		
Increase of the Ministry,	13 50		
Freedman's Commission	6 40—	60 45	
Total Expenditures		$4,132 64	

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector.

May 9th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 32, present No. 26 in St. Michael's; 6 in Dayton..			32
Baptized Persons not Communicants,			40
Total Parishioners			72
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			16
Baptisms—Infants			3
Funerals,			1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report, 7 working.			
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 46 00		
Convention Fund	188 00		
Current Expenses,	10 76—	$244 76	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions...		25 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions,	8 00		
Foreign Missions,	7 00—	15 00	
Total Expenditures		$284 76	

Remarks.—Absent ten weeks last Summer and Fall in quest of health and strength. Now again unable to conduct public services since early in Lent, nor even to attend the Convention in Selma.

The strength of the Parish is not indicated by the figures annexed to "Communicants" and "Parishioners," above. The actual Communicants are not 20, since my Rectorship of four years; and the average attendance at services twice a month is about 12 souls.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO'.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, Rector.

May 6th, 1876.

Communicants—Present Number,	19
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	10
Total Parishioners	29
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 20, Total	26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	3
Baptisms,	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	2
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector,	110 00
Convention Fund,	40 00
Total Expenditures	$150 00

GRACE CHURCH, PORTLAND—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 33, Present No.	40
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	39
Total Parishioners,	79
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 30 Total	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 10; private 2, Total	12
Baptisms,	2
Marriages	1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report	12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector,	$120 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions	20 00
Total Expenditures	$140 00

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector.

May 4th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 30, Present Number	32
Baptized Persons not Communicants,	19
Total Parishioners	51
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 20 Total	23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,	10
Baptisms,	1
Confirmations,	2
Marriages,	1
Funerals	2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,	12
Parochial Expenditures—	
Salary of Rector,	$96 00
Current Expenses	32 00
Repairs	24 00
Total Expenditures,	$158 00

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA—Rev. J. H. Ticknor, Rector.

May 11th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 47; Died 1; removed 3. .....Present No. 38
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 28.....Total..33
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,.....16
Baptisms 8
Confirmations,.....No visit.
Marriages 3
Funerals 4
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,..... 12
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$300 00	
Current Expenses	15 00—	$315 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	17 00	
Church Building,	500 00—	517 00
Total Expenditures		$832 00

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

May 11th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 40; died 2; removed 2,.....Present No..40
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 30.....Total..35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public, ... 3
Baptisms 5
Funerals 2
Number of months spent in the parish since last report..... 2
Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector	$50 00	
Convention Fund,	50 00	
Current Expenses	13 80	
Sundries,	52 50	
Sunday School Books	40 00—	206 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		33 50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Colored Missions,		4 40
Total Expenditures		$244 20

Remarks.—My services in St. Thomas' Parish are on the first and third Sundays in each month. D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiating.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—Present No.....17
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 8

Total Parishioners,.....25
Baptisms,..... 1
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector,.....$12 50

Remarks—The non-communicants are all children, except one. I held my first service in St. Mary's Parish on the Sunday before Easter; my regular appointment there being the second Sunday in the month.

D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiating.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WHISTLER.

Rev. C. A. CABANIS, (Deacon,) Missionary.

May 9th, 1876.

Sunday School—Teachers 5 ; scholars 30	Total	35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 3 ; private 2	Total	5
Baptisms		16
Confirmations		7
Marriages		1
Funerals		3
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$250 00
Current Expenses		79 55
Total Expenditures,		$329 55

REMARKS.—This Report was made from the Parish Register, on which is to be found no list of Communicants, by Rev. T. J. BEARD, Of St. John's Church, Mobile.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 53 ; removed 3,	Present No.	52
Baptized persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners,		92
Sunday School—Teachers 3 ; scholars 15,	Total	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		4
Baptisms		2
Confirmations,		2
Marriages,		2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector,		$200 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		25 00
Total Expenditures,		$225 00

REMARKS.—Here we are holding our own, and it may be said, gradually, although slowly, strengthening and extending the Church's influence.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Missionary in Charge.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 21 ; died 1 ; removed 8	Present No.		12
Baptized Persons not Communicants,			12
Total Parishioners			24
Sunday School—Teachers 2 ; scholars 7	Total		9
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,			8
Baptisms,			2
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report,			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector,		$105 00	
Purchase of House and repairs for Worship		360 00—	465 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms,			48 00
Total Expenditures			$513 00

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON.

Rev. DeB. Waddell, Missionary in Charge.

May 10th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 7; removed 3	Present No.	16
Baptized Persons not Communicants		25
Total Parishioners		41
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 38	Total	44
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		12
Baptisms		6
Confirmations		4
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Parish since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector,	$193 00	
Convention Fund,	20 00	
Repairs,	10 00—	223 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms		25 60
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions,		18 00
Other Contributions for Church purposes		1,300 00
Total Expenditures		$1,566 60

Remarks—The work at this place is very promising. A Church debt of about $1,300 has been paid, and the Church, a pretty gothic building, is ready for consecration.

ANNISTON MISSION—Rev. J. F. Smith, Officiating.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 6; died 1; removed 2	Present No.	6
Baptized Persons not Communicants		12
Total Parishioners,		18
Sunday School—Teachers 2; scholars 15	Total	17
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		1
Marriages,		1
Funerals		1
Number of months spent in the Mission since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—

Salary of Rector,	$120 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		2 75
Total Expenditures		$122 75

Remarks.—Here we have now a neat Chapel and we hope, in the course of a year or two, to have a good Church built of solid and durable material.

MONTEVALLO MISSION—Rev. J. F. Smith, Officiating.

May 8th, 1876.

Communicants—In 1875, 20	Present No.	14
Baptized Persons not Communicants,		20
Total Parishioners,		34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public,		2
Number of months spent in the Mission since last report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$125 00	
Repairs	25 00—	$150 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		8 40
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		3 00
Total Expenditures		$161 40

REMARKS.—Here a small number of faithful Church people are struggling nobly to build up the Church, and having now a comfortable House of Worship paid for, it is hoped not without hope of success.

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL, MARENGO CO.—(Colored Congregation.)
Rev. W. A. STICKNEY, Officiating.
May 9th, 1876.

Baptisms—Adults 1; Infants 8 ..... Total. 9
Marriages 6
Burials 3

REMARKS.—I have been able to give only four services in this Chapel during the year, from physical inability to hold a second service on Sunday.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Bishop's Fund, begs leave to submit the following Report and accompanying account of his transactions since the last Convention :

Soon after the adjournment of the Convention in May, 1875, the Secretary forwarded to me a copy of the Canon adopted by the Convention in regard to the management of the Bishop's Fund, which Canon is printed on page 24 of the Journal. That the Act to incorporate "The Trustees of the Bishop's Fund" provides for the election of only three Trustees, was brought to the attention of the Bishop ; and the Bishop decided, as I was informed by the Secretary, after consulting the Committee of Advice upon the subject, that the election of five Trustees was irregular, and that the gentlemen elected in May, 1874, would hold over until this Convention. Messrs. ROY and BERG, the former Trustees, however, not having been re-elected, declined to serve—not desiring to act under their original election—and in consequence the undersigned has had exclusive control of the Fund.

The Account accompanying this Report shows that the remaining Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Company, and the Note of J. E. MATHEWS, have been collected, amounting to $4,000 00 of principal, and to $299 98 of interest; and that $3,400 00 of United States Bonds have been purchased, costing, with the expense incident to such purchase, $4,053 23. The $4,000 00 above mentioned were used in the purchase of these bonds.

There were other investments that could have been made, "of unquestioned validity," producing much larger profits, but the undersigned did not feel at liberty to deviate from the instructions of the Convention.

The Statement accompanying this Report, marked "A," contains a list of the securities now belonging to this Fund. This does not include the notes of the original donors still uncollected in the hands of the undersigned. No disposition has been made of these Notes as the Convention did not direct them to be returned to the several Parishes, as suggested by the Trustees in their last report. The annual interest on the Note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, has not been paid, leaving the balance of interest due thereon $800 00.

The undersigned was prevented by unavoidable business engagements from attending the last Convention; but prepared and forwarded the usual Report of the Trustees and his account as Treasurer, giving a summary of investments held by the Trustees, which he considered unnecessary to make more in detail, from the fact that the former reports and accounts had given a statement of each investment as it was made, which reports of investments made by the Trustees, had been audited and approved by the respective Conventions to which they had been submitted.

The Special Committee to which said report and account was referred, in the course of their report, use the following language: "The investments made of the fund, as well as your Committee are able to ascertain them, in the absence of the Trustees and their books and papers connected with the trust, appear to be as follows. [See Journal, p. 18, §4.] "A loan of $5,000 to N. H. R. DAWSON; we have seen no papers relating to this investment. * * * We have verbal information that the loan is secured by mortgage on lands in Dallas county." [See Journal, pp. 18 and 19, § 4, subd. 4.

Although the Committee may not have intended to reflect upon the manner in which these investments had been made, yet the language used is susceptible of an inference that the investments had been improvidently made, or loosely or irregularly reported to the Convention. Not having been present at the Convention, and not having been able heretofore to make the proper explanation, the undersigned uses this his first opportnnity to repel that inference by stating the facts.

It will be remembered that the undersigned was elected a Trustee and the Treasurer of the Fund in May, 1868, and has continued to hold these positions until the present time, having been honored by the Conventions beyond his fitness for such positions.

The annual reports of the Trustees and his accounts as Treasurer, made to the Conventions of 1869, 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874 and 1875, contain a full

statement of every dollar that has been received and of every dollar that has been invested and expended.

Every investment made by the Trustees during the previous years was regularly reported to the succeeding Convention and was audited and passed upon and approved by a Committee to which said accounts and reports were referred.

These reports make up a complete history of this Fund since May, 1868, and are herein referred to for the purpose of showing in detail a statement of his transactions.

The undersigned and his co-Trustees, in making these reports, were actuated by a sense of duty and by an earnest desire that the Conventions should be kept fully informed of the condition and management of the Fund entrusted to their care ; and it cannot be said that the Trustees have neglected their duties in this behalf.

Referring to these reports and the action of the Conventions thereon, as shown by the Journals of these years, it will be readily seen that a full report was made of each investment, and that the same met with the approbation of the different Conventions to which they were respectively reported.

The compromise of the Hamner Hall debt and its assumption by St. John's Parish, Montgomery, was authorized by the Convention of 1870, and was arranged in the precise manner prescribed by the Convention of 1870.

[Journals of 1870, p. 17 ; 1871, p. 79.

The report and account of 1870 show the investment of $950 00 in two bonds of the Selma Gas Light Company, "which were amply secured by mortgage on real estate." This investment was approved by the Convention.

[Journal of 1870, pp. 19, 20 and 70.

The report and account of 1871, show that the Trustees invested $2,345 00 in five more of the Bonds of said Gas Company. This investment met with the approval of the Convention. [Journal 1871, pp. 19, 79 and 80.] All of these Gas Bonds, including one purchased and reported in 1872, have been paid in full, and the interest thereon was always promptly paid.

The report and account of 1872, show that the Trustees purchased another of said Gas Company's Bonds, as above stated, for $500, and loaned $5,000 to the undersigned, "secured by mortgage on real estate." This report further shows that "all the Funds that have been collected have been invested upon ample security." These investments were made with the sanction and approval of the Trustees. [Journal of 1872, pp. 19, 64 and 65.

The report and account of 1873 show that the Trustees had purchased three Bonds of the City of Selma, $500 00 each, for $1,125 00, being at 25 per cent. discount ; and had loaned to SAM'L EDWARDS $400 00, which was secured by mortgage on real estate. It also appears from the report of the Trustees for this year (1873) that the Bonds of the Florida and Alabama Railroad Company had been compromised by Col. RICHARD M. CAMPBELL, of Pensacola, who was the Attorney of the Trustees for the collection of said Bonds. This report and account were submitted to a Committee who reported favorably. [Journal of 1873, pp. 24, 69 and 70.

The report and account of 1874, show that the Trustees had invested $750

in another Bond of the City of Selma for $1,000. This report and account were examined and approved. [Journal of 1874, pp. 19, 61 and 62.

The report and account of 1875 show that $2,000 of the Fund collected on the Bonds of the Selma Gas Light Company had been loaned to JOEL E. MATHEWS, and was "amply secured by a mortgage on improved real estate in the City of Selma." This loan of $2,000 was paid at maturity, as shown by the account herewith submitted.

Thus it will be seen, that by these reports of the Trustees and the accounts of the Treasurer, the Conventions have been advised of the investments made by them, and have approved and ratified the same. And it will further appear, from said reports and accounts, that the interest on every investment that has been made by the Trustees since 1868, has been promptly paid, as the same fell due, and that only one of the investments—the loan to SAM'L EDWARDS—is past due. This loan is secured by mortgage on real estate in the City of Selma, worth double the amount of the loan; and as a further security of this loan, the house on this real estate has been insured in the Central City Insurance Company, of Selma, for two years for $1,000, payable to the undersigned.

In closing this report the undersigned reiterates the views expressed by the Trustees, in their report of 1875, and hopes that this Convention will apply at least one half of the annual accruing interest of the investments to the increase and accumulation of the Fund, so that in time a permanent and sufficient income will be derived therefrom for the support of the Episcopate of the Diocese.

The assets are held subject to the order of the Convention. The balance of interest, as shown by the account herewith submitted, of $850 63, has been paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON.

SCHEDULE A.

1. Note of Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Parish, Montgomery, dated April 11th, 1871, payable 1st May, 1875, secured by mortgage on Hamner Hall property	$5,000 00
Annual Interest due May 1st, 1874	400 00
do do do do 1st, 1876	400 00
2. Note of N. R. H. DAWSON, dated January 1st, 1872, payable 1st January, 1873, secured by mortgage on plantation in Dallas County, containing 960 acres	$5,000 00
3. Note of SAMUEL EDWARDS, dated May 15th, 1872, payable May 15th, 1873, secured by mortgage on house and lot in Selma and insured for $1,000	$432 00
4. Bond No. 116, City of Selma, dated 1st January, 1872, due 1st January, 1892	$1,000 00
5. Three Bonds, Nos. 52, 53, 54, City of Selma, dated 1st January, 1872, due 1st January, 1887, each for $500	$1,500 00
6. Three U. S. New Five per cent. Coupon Bonds, Nos. 222,127, 222,128, 222,129	$3,000 00
7. Three U. S. Six pr ct. Coupon Bonds, Nos. 3,937, 10,391, 18,390	$300 00
8. One U. S. Six per cent. Coupon Bond, No. 5,285	$100 00
9. Fifty-four Shares of Stock in the Pensacola and Louisville Railroad Company, dated Oct. 14, 1872,	

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer, in account with* BISHOP'S FUND.

1875.	*DR.*	
May 24.—	To balance of interest on hand, as per Report of 1875,	$1,567 95
July 1.—	" Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 53 and 54,	60 00
" "	" Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bond, No. 116,	40 00
Dec. 20.—	" Amount of principal collected on note of J. E. Mathews,	2,000 00
" "	" Interest on same,	166 66
Dec. 31.—	" Amount of principal collected on Selma Gas Bonds Nos. 31, 32, 33, 37,	2,000 00
" "	" Interest on same, from March 31st, 1875,	133 32
1876.		
Jan'y 1.—	" Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bonds, Nos. 52, 53, 54,	60 00
" "	" Semi-annual interest on City of Selma Bond, No. 116,	40 00
" "	" Annual interest on note of N. H. R. Dawson,	400 00
May 5.—	" May Coupons on 3 U. S. Bonds, Nos. 222-127, 222-128, and 222-129,	42 00
" "	" Profits on one U. S. $1,000 Bond, purchased by R. M. Waters & Co. for Bishop's Fund, in excess of amount authorized to be purchased (by mistake) and re-sold by them,	12 08
May 11.—	" Amount interest on note of Sam'l Edwards,	34 55
	" Total debits,	$6,556 56

1875.	*CR.*	
May 26.—	By amount paid Jas. H. Fitts, Treasurer, being balance on hand at last report,	$1,567 95
June 7.—	" Amount paid for recording mortgage of J. E. Mathews,	2 00
1876.		
Feb'y 4.—	" Amount paid premium on exchange remitted to New York to purchase bonds,	10 00
" 10.—	" Amount paid for 3 U. S. new 5 per cent. Coupon Bonds, numbered 222-127, 222-128, 222-129 for $1,000 each @ 117⅝,	3,528 75
" 25.—	" Amount paid for 3 U. S. 6 per cent. Coupon Bonds, Nos. 3937, 10391, 18390, each for $100 @ 123½	370 50
Mar. 6.—	" Amount paid for 1 U. S. 6 per cent. Coupon Bond, No. 5285 for $100 @ 123⅜,	123 38
" "	" Commissions paid to R. M. Waters & Co., New York, on purchase of above U. S. Bonds,	6 25
Apl. 28.—	" Express charges on above U. S. Bonds from New York to Selma,	14 35
May 4.—	" 1 Cash box	2 75
" "	" Balance due him on account of 1873, with which by mistake he never credited himself with,	40 00
" "	" Amount charged to himself on account of 1874, as balance brought forward from 1873, due from him to Fund, by mistake,	40 00
	(As to last two items see Report of 1873, Journal pp. 24 and 71 and Report of 1874, Journal p. 61.)	
	Total credits,	$5,705 93

RECAPITULATION.

1876—Total debits	6,556 56	
Total credits	5,705 93	
May 12—To balance due Fund	850 63	
" " By amouut paid JAS. H. FITTS, Treasurer, to balance		$ 850 63

APPENDIX D.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 12, 1876.

J. H. FITTS, Treasurer,

In Account Current with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1875.		*DR.*	
May	27.—	To Balance as per account rendered	$ 16 98
		To Amount from—	
May	27.—	F. S. Parker, Treasurer Christ Church, Mobile,	195 00
..	..	Rev. S. U. Smith, Rector St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	16 25
..	..	Rev. Peter Wager, Rector Trinity Church, Florence	20 00
..	29	F. Boykin, Jr., Treasurer Grace Church, Portland	3 80
..	..	E. L. Stickney, Treasurer St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.	30 00
July	8	Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector St. Michael's Ch. Marengo	21 00
..	..	Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector St. Andrew's Ch. Macon	27 80
Aug.	2	Thos. Peters, Jr. Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Selma	100 00
..	4	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery	65 00
..	6	D. F. Prout, Treasurer Trinity Church, Demopolis	37 50
..	..	D. Poyner, Treasurer St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	18 75
..	..	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. James' Parish, Eufaula	20 00
..	13	Daniel McNeill, Treasurer Christ Church, Mobile	195 00
..	18	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery	65 00
..	26	Joseph W. Field, Treasurer St. Paul's Ch. Spring Hill	25 00
Sept.	4	W. D. DeLoach, Treasurer St. James' Parish, Livingston	13 75
..	15	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery	65 00
Oct.	25	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery	65 00
..	27	W. T. Sawyer, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Whistler	25 00
..	30	Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	10 00
Nov.	3	Jas. H. Hine, Treasurer Athens Mission	10 00
..	..	J. McKee Gould, Treasurer St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	5 00
..	..	D. F. Prout, Treasurer, Trinity Church, Demopolis	37 50
..	6	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. James' Church, Eufaula	35 00
..	..	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. Luke's Church, Cahaba	5 00
..	8	J. Y. Cantwell, Treasurer St. Paul's Parish, Decatur	12 50
..	18	D. Poyner, Treasurer St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw	18 75
..	22	J. McKee Gould, St. Mark's, Fork of Greene	7 50
..	24	F. Boykin, Jr., Treasurer Grace Church, Portland	12 00
..	25	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery	65 00
..	30	A. Benners, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	37 65
Dec.	22	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Parish, Montgomery	65 00
..	..	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. James' Parish, Eufaula	25 00
		To Amount carried forward,	$1,371 73

		To Amount brought forward,	$1,371 73
1876.		*To Amount from—*	
Jan.	4	Joseph Martin, Treas. Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	330 00
..	20	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery..	65 00
..	31	R. Moore, Treasurer Trinity Church, Mobile.....	125 00
Feb.	19	Rev. W. A. Stickney, Rector St. Michael's Ch. Marengo,	14 00
..	23	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery..	65 00
Mar.	24	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery..	65 00
..	..	A. Benners, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'...	30 00
..	28	D. Poyner, Treasurer St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw....	18 75
Ap'l	7	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. James' Church, Eufaula....	40 00
..	14	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery..	65 00
..	17	Rev. S. U. Smith, Rector St. Mark's Ch. Fork of Greene	7 35
..	19	F. S. Parker, Treasurer Christ Church, Mobile.....	195 00
..	20	Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector St. James' Church, Eufaula....	15 00
..	..	James Gregory, Treasurer St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	30 00
..	22	A. Benners, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'..	50 00
..	..	Fred. Graves, Treasurer St. John's Church, Mobile.....	250 00
..	24	D. Poyner, Treasurer St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.....	18 75
May	1	E. R. Quillin, Treasurer Grace Church, Clayton.....	20 00
..	..	Jos. Martin, Treas. Church of the Nativity, Huntsville..	170 00
..	2	D. F. Prout, Treasurer Trinity Church, Demopolis.....	75 00
..	3	J. H. Hine, Treasurer Athens Mission.....	10 00
..	8	J. Y. Cantwell, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Decatur...	12 50
..	..	A. R. Bell, Treasurer St. John's Church, Montgomery..	130 00
..	..	E. N. C. Snow, Treasurer Christ Church, Tuskaloosa...	200 00
..	10	F. S. Parker, Treasurer Christ Church, Mobile.....	390 00
..	..	Edwin Sheild, Treas. Ch. of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	70 00
..	..	R. H. Dugger, Treasurer St. Andrew's Church, Macon.	69 20
..	..	David Minge, St. Michael's Church, Marengo	153 00
..	..	A. Benners, Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'..	32 35
..	..	H. H. Whetstone, Treasurer St. Paul's Ch., Lowndesboro'	40 00
..	..	Thos Peters, Jr., Treasurer St. Paul's Church, Selma...	300 00
..	..	R. Moore, Treasurer Trinity Church, Mobile.....	375 00
..	11	Walter Dean, Treasurer St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	100 50
..	..	L. A. Howzer, Treas. Ch. of the Advent, Birmingham.	60 00
..	..	Rev. J. A. Van Hoose, Rector St. John's Ch., Elyton...	30 00
..	..	James Gregory, Treas. St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion....	40 00
..	..	Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector Montevallo Mission.....	20 00
..	..	Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector St. Peter's Church, Talladega..	30 00
..	..	E. Crenshaw, Treasurer St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	50 00
..	..	Rev. F. B. Lee, Rector St. Paul's Church, Carlowville..	20 00
..	..	N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer Bishop's Fund.....	850 63
		Balanced.....	$6,003 76

1875.	*CR.*		
May 29.—By Premium on Life Policy Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer	Voucher No. 1..	$	129 25
.. 31.—By Amount to Rev. R. H. Cobbs, for services as Secretary to Convention	.. 2..		50 00
June 1.—By Amount to Thomas Jones, Sexton Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	.. 3..		10 00
July 1.—By Amount to G. A. Searcy & Co. for Stationery for Convention,	.. 4..		2 37
.. 19.—By Amount to Henry Farrow & Co. Printing Journal '75 and Exchange	.. 5..		191 65
.. 20.—By Amount to R. Randolph & Co. Printing notice on Postal Card	.. 6..		5 50
Aug. 3.—By Amount to N. Mathews, Treasurer General Convention and Exchange	.. 7..		29 25
Nov. 18.—By Amount to R. H. Cobbs, Secretary, charges in mailing, &c.	.. 8..		10 85
1876.			
Jan. 20.—By Amount to Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer.	.. 9..		1,500 00
Apl. 19.—By Amount to Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer.	.. 10.		500 00
May 10.—By Amount to Selma Times, printing 500 Receipts	.. 11.		2 25
.. 11.—By Amount to Annuity to Mrs. L. H. L. Cobbs,	.. 12.		500 00
.. 12.—By Amount to Rt. Rev. R. H. Wilmer.	.. 13.		2,500 00
.. 12.—By Balance due Diocese, carried over			572 64
Balanced		$	6,003 76
May 12.—To balance due brought over			572 64

PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Calvary Church, Choctaw County	$43 75
Church of the Redeemer, Seal's Station,	70 00
Grace Church, Clayton	20 00
Grace Church, Portland,	25 05
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	60 00
*St. David's Parish, Dallas,	50 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	41 25
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	5 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	50 00
St. John's Parish, Madison Station,	10 00
St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	40 00
St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene,	30 15
St. Mark's Parish, Prattville	70 00
St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	50 00
St. Mary's Parish, Camden	10 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee,	58 75
St. Matthew's Parish, Autaugaville,	40 00
St. Paul's Church, Whistler,	25 00
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	25 00
Trinity Church, Florence	25 00
Total Arrearages,	$748 95

E. & O. E. J. H. FITTS, Treas'r,

Tuskaloosa, Ala., 12th May, 1876. Diocese of Alabama.

* Paid after Treasurer closed his account.

APPENDIX E.

Annual Report of Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, *Treasurer, in Account with*

THE DIOCESAN MISSION FUND OF ALABAMA.

DR.

To	Balance at last Annual Report,	$ 663 79
To	Received since last Annual Report from—	
	Trinity Church, Florence,	10 00
	St. John's Church, Tuscumbia,	4 00
	St. Paul's Church, Decatur,	4 00
	Athens Mission, Limestone County,	3 60
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	160 80
	St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,	13 00
	Montevallo Mission, Montevallo,	2 00
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	82 50
	St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	112 65
	St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	25 95
	St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene,	6 30
	St. James' Church, Livingston,	4 20
	Trinity Church, Demopolis,	105 20
	St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,	22 75
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	36 10
	St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	12 30
	St. Paul's Church, Selma,	95 00
	St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	20 00
	St. John's Church, Montgomery,	254 35
	St. James' Church, Eufaula,	100 00
	Grace Church, Clayton,	18 00
	St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	33 50
	Christ Church, Mobile,	303 20
	Trinity Church, Mobile,	213 10
	St. John's Church, Mobile,	92 65
	St. Michael's Church, Marengo County,	25 00
	Grace Church, Portland,	20 00
	Convention Offertories, at Tuskaloosa,	61 00
	Easter Offering of Christ Church (Mobile) Sunday School,	234 50
	Private Offerings,	10 50
	Loaned by the Bishop, from Church Home Fund,	550 00
		$3,299 94

1875. *CR.*

	By paid the Bishop's Drafts in favor of—	Voucher No.	
May 13.—	James A. Van Hoose,	1...	$ 50 00
" "—	Rev. Samuel E. Norton,	2...	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	3...	50 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	4...	50 00
" "—	" Peter Wager,	5...	50 00
" 28.—	" P. A. Fitts,	6...	100 00
" 29.—	" F. B. Lee,	7...	210 00
June 11.—	" Peter Wager,	8...	50 25
" 19.—	" DeB. Waddell,	9...	50 00
" "—	" F. B. Lee,	10...	5 66
Aug. 2.—	*Church Home Fund,	11...	150 00
" 12.—	Rev. Peter Wager,	12...	25 00
" 15.—	" DeB. Waddell,	13...	10 00
Sept. 14.—	" J. F. Smith,	14...	150 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	15...	100 00
" 27.—	J. A. Van Hoose,	16...	100 00
Oct. 2.—	Rev. DeB. Waddell,	17...	50 00
" 9.—	J. A. Van Hoose,	18...	50 00
" 12.—	Rev. Peter Wager,	19...	100 00
" 29.—	Mission Books,	20...	22 40
Nov. 15.—	Rev. Peter Wager,	21...	14 00
" 22.—	" C. E. Cabaniss,	22...	50 00
Dec. 8.—	*Church Home Fund,	23...	100 00
" 15.—	Rev. J. H. Ticknor,	24...	100 00
" 21.—	J. A. Van Hoose,	25...	50 00
" "—	Rev. J. F. Smith,	26...	50 00
" "—	" Peter Wager,	27...	50 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	28...	58 10
" 15.—	Gen'l H. D. Clayton, (for Church at Clayton)	29...	100 00
1876.			
Feb. 10.—	Rev. Peter Wager,	30...	50 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	31...	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	32...	50 00
" 17.—	" S. E. Norton,	33...	50 00
" "—	" S. E. Norton,	34...	21 10
" 22.—	" Peter Wager,	35...	100 00
" 25.—	" D. F. Hoke,	36...	25 00
Apl. 17.—	*Church Home Fund,	37...	300 00
" 19.—	*Church Home Fund,	38...	200 00
" "—	Rev. Peter Wager,	39...	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	40...	50 00
" 25.—	For increase of the Ministry,	41...	33 75
	Envelopes and Postage,		4 25
	Balance,		320 43
			$3,299 94

*These drafts were drawn to repay money loaned to this Fund by the Bishop from the Church Home Fund.

APPENDIX F.

Registrar's Report.

To the Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama :

Since my last Report I have received the following Documents, Papers, &c. :

TITLE DEEDS.

1. St. Stephen's, Eutaw, Greene County.
2. Church of the Advent, Birmingham, Jefferson County.
3. St. John's Church, Tuscumbia, Colbert County.
4. St. Mark's Church, Greene County.
5. St. Mary's, Summerville, Mobile County.

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

1. St. Peter's Church, Talladega.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Letters of Consecration of Rt. Rev. NICHOLAS HAMNER COBBS, D. D., dated October 20, 1844.
2. Record of proceedings upon the trial of Rev. J. D. GIBSON, at Mobile, Nov. 19, 1873 ; and Episcopal sentence thereupon.
3. The Sentence of Deposition of Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON, pronounced by the Bishop of the Diocese of Alabama, July 28th, 1874, with the letter of Rev. JAMES D. GIBSON requesting the sentence.
4. Sundry papers relating to the Parish of St. Mary's, Summerville, Mobile County.
5. Cash Book and Ledger of the Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama, from May, 1869, to May, 1874. Received from JAMES H. FITTS, Esq.
6. Policy of Insurance on the life of Rt. Rev. R. H. WILMER, D. D., in the Piedmont Real Estate Insurance Company, with renewal receipts to May 26, 1875, for $5,000.00.
7. Vouchers of STEPHENS CROOM, Esq., Treasurer Diocesan Mission Fund, for year ending May 26, 1875.
8. Vouchers of JAMES H. FITTS, Esq., Treasurer Diocese of Alabama, for year ending May 26th, 1875, and report of sub-committee thereon.
9. Minutes of Proceedings of the Annual Conventions of 1869, 1870 and 1871. (38th, 39th and 40th). Received of R. M. NELSON, Esq., late Secretary.
10. Original Minutes in one Manuscript Volume of the Proceedings of the Organization and Annual Conventions of the Diocese of Alabama, from January 25th, 1830, to February 17th, 1842. Nos. 1 to 11 inclusive.

I regret to say that many of the Parishes in our Diocese have not complied with the requirements of Section 2, of Canon 3, of Title 1.

I have had from Registrars of other Dioceses constant applications for past Journals of our Conventions, to complete their Records of our Diocese, without the ability to comply with such requests save in occasional cases. I have addressed to Rectors of Parishes and Churchmen generally throughout the State, a printed circular, stating the numbers I needed and those that I could supply in exchange.

For assistance in this matter I am much indebted to Rev. JOHN FULTON, D. D., late of Christ Church, Mobile, and even more to Mr. JOEL WHITE, of Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. MACARTNEY, Registrar.

MOBILE, May 10th, 1876.

APPENDIX G.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO THE DEATH OF MRS. COBBS.

The Committee to which was referred that portion of the Bishop's Address alluding to the decease of Mrs. LUCY H. L. COBBS, the widow of the first Bishop of Alabama, beg leave to Report :

I. That we thankfully recognize the good providence of our Heavenly Father in so long continuing to us a precious link binding the past and the present, and in preserving in our midst so bright a specimen of the christian life, of zeal for God and His Church ; of large hearted charity ; of generous hospitality and loveliness of character.

II. That we heartily thank the great Head of the Church, for the good example of this His servant, departed this life in His faith and favor ; whose love to God shone brightly in every act ; and whose kindliness of heart so impressed all with whom she was acquainted as to win in return that warm affection, which it is the privilege of few to enjoy.

III. That we tender our sincere sympathy to those who are so sorely bereaved, and earnestly pray that the God and Father of us all will not leave them comfortless, and that He will finally receive them into the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before.

Resolved, That a copy of this Report be sent to the family of the deceased.

J. M. BANISTER,
Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO BISHOP JOHNS, OF VIRGINIA.

The Committee to whom the resolution in regard to the death of the late Bishop JOHNS of Virginia, was referred, beg leave to report the following letter of sympathy to be sent to the Convention of the Diocese of Virginia, soon to assemble.

We, the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Alabama, in Convention assembled, hereby express to our Brethren of the Diocese of Virginia, our deep sense of the loss which they have sustained in the death of their late lamented Bishop. We cannot forget our obligations to that Diocese, when we remember, that to her we owe two Bishops, and many of our Clergy and Laity, and hence we feel that her loss is peculiarly our own. We beg, therefore, in common with the whole Church, to offer this our tribute to the memory of a "Father in Israel," and pray, that a double portion of his spirit may descend upon his successor, and that we, in common with those who have gone before, "may have our perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, in the eternal and everlasting glory" of the Church triumphant.

(Signed) H. STRINGFELLOW, JR.,
J. M. BANISTER,
S. G. JONES,
DAVID MINGE.

APPENDIX I.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BISHOP COBBS' MONUMENT.

The Committee appointed to erect a Monument to the memory of Bishop COBBS, beg leave to report that they have discharged the duty assigned them.

They are indebted, and would hereby express their obligation, to the Rev. JOHN HENRY HOPKINS, D. D., of the Diocese of Albany, for the design and drawings of the beautiful Monument that now marks the resting place of the sainted Bishop.

The Committee beg leave to withhold the financial statement until next Convention, as by that time they hope to collect sufficient funds to enable them to enclose the cemetery lot with an appropriate iron railing.

Respectfully,
(Signed) H. STRINGFELLOW,
C. T. POLLARD,
JOSIAH MORRIS.

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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Alabama.

	Post Office.
RT. REV. RICHARD H. WILMER, D. D.	Mobile.
REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., Church of the Nativity,	Huntsville.
" T. J. BEARD, St. John's Church,	Mobile.
" ROBERT W. BARNWELL, Trinity Church, Demopolis, and St. Andrew's Church, Macon Station,	Demopolis.
" CHARLES E. CABANISS, (Deacon)	Huntsville.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D., St. Paul's Church,	Greensboro'.
" *T. A. COOK, Planters' Institute,	Alpine P.O.
" F. W. DAMUS, St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill,	Mobile.
" J. C. DAVIS, St. James' Church,	Eufaula.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Christ Church,	Mobile.
" A. KINNEY HALL, (Deacon)	Birmingham.
" FRANK HALLAM. St. Paul's Church,	Selma.
" D. F. HOKE, (Deacon)	Greenville.
" GEO. H. HUNT, Christ Church,	Tuskaloosa.
" *F. B. LEE, St. Paul's Church	Carlowville.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Trinity Church,	Mobile.
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D., Church of the Holy Cross,	Uniontown.
" *W. J. PERDUE,	Gadsden.
" *J. M. ROBERTSON,	Huntsville.
" S. U. SMITH, St. Stephen's Church,	Eutaw.
" J. F. SMITH, Missionary,	Talladega.
" *WM. A. STICKNEY, St. Michael's Church,	Faunsdale.
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., St. John's Church,	Montgomery.
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Emmanuel Church,	Opelika.
" *J. A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon)	Tuskaloosa.
" DEB. WADDELL, Grace Church,	Clayton.
" PETER WAGER, Trinity Church,	Florence.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Candidates for Deacon's Orders.

EDWARD L. STICKNEY,.....Marion.
R. M. JARVIS,.....Selma.
ASA J. ROBERTS,.....Mobile.
JOHN H. ESMOND,.....Eufaula.

Postulants.

LOUIS L. WILLIAMS,.....Montgomery.
HENRY J. WINN,.....Dallas County.
W. THOS. KING JONES,.....Sewanee.

Lay Readers.

W. T. WALTHALL, Mobile.
EDWIN SHEILD, Uniontown.
B. F. HERR, Livingston.
R. M. JARVIS, Selma.
J. W. CLAY, Huntsville.
ASA J. ROBERTS, Mobile.
CHAS. L. STICKNEY, Greensboro'.
A. BENNERS, Greensboro'.
DAVID MINGE, Marengo County.
JAMES W. HALL, Geneva.
S. A. WAUCHOPE, Eufaula.
W. Y. TITCOMB, Evergreen.
H. H. WHETSTONE, Lowndesboro'.
DAVID BUEL, Greenville.
JAS. H. FITTS, Tuskaloosa.
D. POYNER, Eutaw.
ALEX. COLVILLE, Tallassee.
JOHN H. FORNEY, Jacksonville.
P. T. SAYRE, Verbena.
W. D. WHETSTONE, Autaugaville.
HENRY J. WINN, St. David's.
J. ROY BAYLER, JR., Trinity.
D. F. PROUT, Demopolis.

List of Lay Deputies.

Christ Church, Mobile—
ROBERT S. BUNKER,
F. B. CLARK,
DAN'L MCNEILL,
H. A. LOWE,
JOSEPH HODGSON.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'—
C. L. STICKNEY,
*C. E. WALLER,
*T. B. RANDOLPH,
V. G. SNEDECOR,
A. BENNERS.

St. John's Church, Mobile—
JAMES BOND,
*HENRY HAMMOND,
W. T. WALTHALL,
W. H. BEATTY,
RICH'D WILDMAN.

St. Paul's Church, Selma—
N. H. R. DAWSON,
THOS. PETERS, JR.
R. M. NELSON,
*WM. BERG.

St. John's Church, Montgomery—
JOEL WHITE,
R. F. MICHEL,
*JNO. L. COBBS,
*J. S. WEATHERLY.

St. James' Church, Eufaula—
H. C. HART,
W. H. BRAY,
H. R. SHORTER,
*E. C. BULLOCK.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw—
E. F. CAMPBELL,
*D. POYNER,
*R. E. WATKINS.

Trinity Church, Demopolis—
*F. S. LYON,
*E. H. BAILEY,
D. F. PROUT.

Trinity Church, Mobile—
H. T. TOULMIN,
R. ADAMS,
R. MOORE,
*F. T. COPP,
*F. J. MCCOY.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville—
*P. ROMAN,
J. M. ALEXANDER,
*J. H. FORNEY,
*R. D. WILLIAMS.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen—
*P. D. BOWLES,
L. W. SAVAGE.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville—
*W. D. WHETSTONE,
*THOS. C. SMITH.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham—
W. J. MILNER,
*G. W. CRAIK,
*E. PHELAN,
S. W. GILLESPIE,
*M. H. JORDAN.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville—
DAVID BUEL,
*EDWARD CRENSHAW.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro—
H. H. WHETSTONE,
*W. B. HALL.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion—
*POWHATAN LOCKETT,
*JAMES GREGORY.

Those marked thus (*) were not in attendance.

Officers of the Convention.

PRESIDENT.

THE RIGHT REV. RICHARD HOOKER WILMER, D. D.

Secretary.—REV. RICHARD H. COBBS, D. D., GREENSBORO'.

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Delegates to the General Convention.

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" R. H. COBBS, D. D.

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" JOEL WHITE.

Alternates.

REV. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" T. J. BEARD,
" GEO. H. HUNT,

MR. A. BENNERS,
" J. H. FITTS,
" W. T. WALTHALL,
" R. M. NELSON.

Examiners.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" GEO. H. HUNT.
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD.

Literary Examiners.

Rev. F. W. DAMUS.

Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE.

Convocations.

AS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR 1877.

1st. CONVOCATION OF HUNTSVILLE.

REV. J. M. BANISTER, D. D., DEAN.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Madison, Limestone, Lawrence, Franklin and Lauderdale.

2d. CONVOCATION OF TUSKALOOSA.

REV. GEO. H. HUNT, Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Sumter, Greene, Tuskaloosa, Jefferson, Blount, Etowah, Calhoun, Talladega and Shelby.

3d. CONVOCATION OF SELMA.

REV. R. H. COBBS, D. D., Dean.

This convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Dallas, Perry, Marengo, Hale, Choctaw and Wilcox.

4th. CONVOCATION OF MONTGOMERY.

REV. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the counties of Barbour, Russell, Tallapoosa, Lee, Elmore, Bullock, Montgomery, Butler, Conecuh, Lowndes and Autauga.

5th. CONVOCATION OF MOBILE.

REV. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Dean.

This Convocation, for the present, will embrace the city of Mobile and parts adjacent.

Journal of Proceedings.

The Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama, assembled in Christ Church, Mobile, May 2d, 1877.

Morning Prayer was said at 10½ o'clock A. M., and the Sermon was preached by Rev. ROB'T W. BARNWELL, from the texts:

JOB: CH. II, VERSE 7—"Cans't thou by searching find out GOD."

EPISTLE OF JUDE: 3d VERSE—"Earnestly contend for the Faith which was once delivered to the Saints."

The Holy Communion was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, assisted by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, Rector of the Parish.

After Service the Convention was called to order by the Rt. Rev. President, who presented the following

List of Clergy entitled to Seats and Votes in the Convention of 1877.

RIGHT REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" J. C. DAVIS,
" A. KINNEY HALL,
" D. F. HOKE,
" F. B. LEE,
" SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D.
" J. M. ROBERTSON,
" J. F. SMITH,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
" J. A. VAN HOOSE,

Rev. ROB'T W. BARNWELL,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" F. W. DAMUS,
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" FRANK HALLAM,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" W. J. PERDUE,
" S. U. SMITH,
" WM. A. STICKNEY,
" J. H. TICKNOR, D. D.
" DEB. WADDELL,

REV. PETER WAGER.

The Secretary of the last Convention called the Roll thus presented, and the following answered to their names, viz:

RT. REV. RICH'D H. WILMER, D. D.

Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.
" T. J. BEARD,
" R. H. COBBS, D. D.
" ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,
" FRANK HALLAM,
" GEO. H. HUNT,
" S. U. SMITH,
" HORACE STRINGFELLOW, JR., D. D.
Rev. ROB'T W. BARNWELL,
" CHAS. E. CABANISS,
" J. C. DAVIS,
" A. KINNEY HALL,
" D. F. HOKE,
" J. A. MASSEY, D. D.
" J. F. SMITH,
" DEB. WADDELL,
Rev. PETER WAGER.

Total present—The Bishop, 14 Presbyters and 3 Deacons.

The Treasurer of the Diocese, in compliance with the Canon, presented the following List of Parishes entitled to representation, viz:

Christ Church, Mobile,
Trinity Church, Demopolis,
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,
St. James' Church, Eufaula,
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville,
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro,
St. John's Church, Montgomery,
St. Paul's Church, Selma,
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,
St. John's Church, Mobile,
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

The List of Parishes so entitled was then called, and Credentials of Lay Deputies were presented and referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. DAVIS, BARNWELL and HOKE.

This Committee reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats:

Christ Church, Mobile.

Robert S. Bunker, Dan'l McNeill, H. A. Lowe,
F. B. Clark, Joseph Hodgson.

St. Paul's Church, Greensboro.

C. L. Stickney, T. B. Randolph, V. G. Snedecor,
C. E. Waller, A. Benners.

St. John's Church, Montgomery.

Joel White, Jno. L. Cobbs,
R. F. Michel, J. S. Weatherly.

St. Paul's Church, Selma.

N. H. R. Dawson, R. M. Nelson,
Thos. Peters, Jr. Wm. Berg.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion.

Powhatan Lockett, James Gregory.

St. James' Church, Eufaula.

H. C. Hart, H. R. Shorter,
W. H. Bray, E. C. Bullock.

St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw.

E. F. Campbell, D. Poyner, R. E. Watkins.

St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville.

P. Roman, J. H. Forney,
J. M. Alexander, R. D. Williams.

St. John's Church, Mobile.

James Bond, W. T. Walthall, W. H. Beatty,
Henry Hammond, Rich'd Wildman.

St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

H. H. Whetstone, W. B. Hall.

There names being called the following were found to be present, viz:

Messrs. R. S. BUNKER,	Messrs. F. B. CLARK,	Messrs. H. A. LOWE,
DAN'L MCNEILL,	JOSEPH HODGSON,	A. BENNERS,
C. L. STICKNEY,	V. G. SNEDECOR,	D. F. PROUT,
R. F. MICHEL,	N. H. R. DAWSON,	R. M. NELSON,
H. C. HART,	H. R. SHORTER,	W. H. BRAY,
E. F. CAMPBELL,	J. M. ALEXANDER,	JAMES BOND,
W. T. WALTHALL,	RICH'D WILDMAN,	W. H. BEATTY,
H. H. WHETSTONE.		

Total 22: representing ten Parishes.

A quorum being present, the President announced the Convention duly organized.

Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D. was nominated and elected Secretary.

Applications for admission into union with the Convention were presented from Grace Church, Trinity Station, Morgan County, and St. Mark's Church, Prattville, and were referred to a Committee consisting of Rev. Mr. WADDELL, Mr. H. R. SHORTER and Mr. H. H. WHETSTONE.

This Committee reported the Articles of Association in due form, and offered a Resolution that these Parishes be received into union with the Convention. This Resolution was adopted.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That Credentials of Lay Deputies from Parishes in arrears, be presented and referred to a Special Committee.

Rev. S. U. SMITH, Mr. A. BENNERS and Mr. JOSEPH HODGSON were appointed on this Committee, and after investigation recommended that the following Churches be relieved from arrears due for assessment for the Convention Fund.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen—Of all assessments before last year and half of last assessment.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.—Of $20 due on last assessment.

Trinity Church, Mobile.—Of $100 due on last assessment.

Grace Church, Clayton.—Of $20 due on assessment for year before last.

(Signed) STEPHEN U. SMITH, Chairman.

On motion the Report was received and the recommendation was agreed to.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That visiting Clergy and Candidates for Holy Orders be invited to seats in the Convention.

Under this Resolution Rev. S. M. BIRD, of the Diocese of Texas, appeared and took his seat.

The following Preamble and Resolution were, on motion, adopted:

WHEREAS it has become necessary that a new and revised edition of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese should be published without further delay: and,

WHEREAS many of the existing Canons are defective and need to be altered and arranged before such new edition can properly be published; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Canons be and they are hereby instructed to revise the whole body of the existing Canons, together with the form for Articles of Association for Parishes, and to submit to this Convention for its consideration, all such additions, alterations and amendments as they may deem needful or advisable for the perfection of our Code.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the sessions of this Convention shall begin with Morning Prayer at 9 o'clock A. M. daily and continue until 2½ o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 A. M. Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

MOBILE, ALA., May 3d, 1877.

Morning Prayer was said at 9 o'clock A. M., after which the Convention was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment. The Roll was called and a quorum was found to be present.

Mr. THOS. PETERS, JR., of St. Paul's Church, Selma, and Mr. JOEL WHITE, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, appeared and took their seats. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Lay Deputies entitled to seats in the Convention.

Trinity Church, Mobile.

H. T. Toulmin, R. Moore, F. T. Copp,
R. Adams, F. J. McCoy.

St. Mary's Church, Evergreen.

P. D. Bowles. L. W. Savage.

St. Mark's Church, Prattville.

W. D. Whetstone. Thos. C. Smith.

Church of the Advent, Birmingham.

W. J. Milner. E. Phelan, S. W. Gillespie,
G. W. Craik, M. H. Jordan.

St. Thomas' Church, Greenville.

David Buel, Edward Crenshaw.

Their names being called the following persons appeared and took their seats:

Messrs. R. ADAMS, Messrs. W. J. MILNER, Messrs. DAVID BUEL,
H. T. TOULMIN, S. W. GILLESPIE, L. W. SAVAGE.

Mr. M. R. JARVIS, Candidate for Orders, appeared and took a seat.

The Rules of Order of last Convention were, on motion, adopted for the government of this Convention.

The Standing Committees were announced as follows:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. J. A. Massey, D. D., Rev. S. U. Smith, Rev. J. F. Smith, Rev. T. J. Beard, Rev. J. C. Davis, Messrs. W. T. Walthall, F. B. Clark, W. H. Bray, E. F. Campbell, R. F. Michel.

Committee on Canons.—Rev. H. Stringfellow, D. D., Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rev. Frank Hallam, and Messrs. A. Benners, James Bond, R. M. Nelson, H. A. Lowe, and H. R. Shorter.

Committee on Finance.—Messrs. N. H. R. Dawson, Dan'l McNeill, C. L. Stickney, H. C. Hart, Joel White, W. H. Beatty, R. Moore, J. M. Alexander, H. H. Whetstone, D. F. Prout.

Committee on Unfinished Business.—Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D. and Mr. S. W. Gillespie.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese presented the following Annual Communication:

MOBILE, May 2d, 1877.

The Standing Committee respectfully report that they organized May 23d, 1876, by the election of Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., President, and Mr. JAMES BOND, Secretary.

The first business was the consideration of the request of Mr. SAM'L BARD for a return of the original Testimonial upon which the Standing Committee based their recommendation of him as a Candidate for Holy Orders, on the 28th day of September, 1864. The Committee declined to comply with Mr. BARD'S request.

July 17th, 1876.—The Committee gave consent and signed the Canonical Testimonial in behalf of Rev. WM. STEVENS PERRY, D. D., Bishop elect of the Diocese of Iowa.

November 13th, 1876.—The Committee gave its consent to the Consecration of, and signed the Canonical Testimonial in favor of the Rev. SAMUEL J. SCHERESCHEWSKY, Missionary Bishop elect of Shanghai, and of the Rev. C. C. PENICK, Missionary Bishop elect of Cape Palmas, Africa. At the same time the Committee recommended Mr. A. J. ROBERTS to the Bishop to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

January 8th, 1877.—JOHN H. ESMOND was recommended as a Candidate for Holy Orders, and on April 28th, Mr. W. T. K. JONES was recommended to be received as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

All of which is respectfully submitted as the report of the Committee,

J. A. MASSEY.

The Bishop of the Diocese then read his Annual Address, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. [See Appendix A.]

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, the reading of Parochial Reports was dispensed with, and the same were referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Special Committee on the Life Insurance Policy of the Bishop, made a report, which, on motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Rule of Order was suspended, and the following Standing Committee was nominated and elected.

Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Messrs. WM. G. JONES,
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,	F. B. CLARK,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	JAMES BOND.

On motion, the dues from St. Mark's Parish, Prattville, were remitted, having been imposed in error.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention was made the order of the day at 12 o'clock M.

Notice was given of a proposed new Canon, to be entitled "of the Committee on new business;" of substitute for Canon II, Title I; of Canon VII, Title I; and for Canon IV, Title I; of amendments to Canons I, III and IV of Title I; and to Canon III, Title II.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That for the current year the entire accruing interest of the Bishop's Fund be paid to the Treasurer of the Diocese, and that the Finance Committee make a suitable assessment to meet the deficiency required for the expenses of the Convention.

A Resolution in regard to the remission of arrears due from St. John's Church, Elyton, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Treasurer of the Diocese presented his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the same Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of this Convention be held in Trinity Church, Demopolis, beginning on the 2d Wednesday in May, 1878.

The Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund was presented and, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. F. B. CLARK, W. H. BRAY, and R. M. NELSON.

The Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund presented his Report, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Convention shall proceed at 1 o'clock on Friday to consider the general state of the Church in this Diocese.

The election of Deputies to the General Convention being next in order, Mr. W. J. MILNER and Mr. S. W. GILLESPIE, were appointed Tellers to collect and count the Clerical vote; and Rev. J. C. DAVIS and Rev. PETER WAGER, Tellers to collect and count the Lay vote.

It was demanded that the Convention should vote by Parishes and Orders; and thus voting, the following Deputies were elected:

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, D. D.	Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON,
Rev. J. M. BANISTER, D. D.	Mr. W. H. BRAY,
Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D.	Mr. F. B. CLARK,
Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D.	Mr. JOEL WHITE.

The call for vote by Orders being now withdrawn, the Convention elected by ballot the following Alternate Deputies:

CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE,	Mr. A. BENNERS,
Rev. J. C. DAVIS,	Mr. J. H. FITTS,
Rev. T. J. BEARD,	Mr. W. T. WALTHALL,
Rev. GEO. H. HUNT,	Mr. R. M. NELSON.

An invitation was extended to the Convention to accompany an excursion party down the Bay, and the Secretary was instructed to express to Capt. Baldwin, the thanks of this body for this act of courtesy.

A memorial was presented from the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, which, on motion, was referred to a Special Committee of three, consisting of Mr. BOND, Mr. BENNERS and Mr. SNEDECOR.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M. Friday.

THIRD DAY.

MOBILE, May 4th, 1877.

Morning Prayer was said at 9 o'clock, A. M. The Convention was called to order immediately after Service; the calling of the Roll and reading the Minutes, were, on motion, postponed; and the following Reports were presented by the Committee on Finance.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee on the Life Insurance Policy of the Bishop, in the Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Company, beg leave to state that, in their opinion, it is inexpedient to change the Policy. They recommend that the Treasurer of the Diocese be authorized to pay the Annual Premium.

Respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the accounts of Mr. STEPHENS CROOM, Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, have examined the same, and report that all the items of credits are supported by proper vouchers. He has received since the last Convention, including balance in his hands,.....$2,161 72
and has expended,..... 1,731 67

leaving in his hands a balance of.....$430 05

The Treasurer is entitled to the thanks of the Convention for his faithful and efficient services.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The Convention then, on motion, took a recess in order to allow the Church building to be used for a funeral. After recess the Convention resumed its session.

The Trustees of the University of the South, presented a Report, which, on motion, was received and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Journal. [See Appendix H.]

Rev. SAM'L E. NORTON, M. D. and Rev. F. W. DAMUS, appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the State of the Church presented the following Report:

The Committee on the State of the Church might most truthfully adopt as its report, almost word for word, that of the same Committee last year.

Financially the condition of the Diocese is not quite so good, its spiritual prospects are better—some of the new fields to which allusion was made last year having brought forth abundantly; and other entirely new points having been taken up at which the prospect for the growth of our Master's cause is very bright. There is nothing to depress that is peculiar to our own Diocese. In the almost universal depression that exists, the Church must expect to feel her share; made sad, however, only for a little while, because of some visible discouragements, that she may be taught by her Lord, in closer communion with Him, how to see the evidences of His presence and power. These evidences are the old ground maintained, some new fields cleared and sowed; several valuable helpers added to our ministerial ranks; and, above all, the spirit of entire harmony and cordial love which animates and rules all hearts among us. If comparatively little has been actually realized we must still with implicit and loving trust hear our Master's voice saying to each of us "go stand in thy lot and wait." In His own time His showers of grace will descend more abundantly, and the labors of His servants be rewarded with an abundant harvest.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. A. MASSEY, Chairman.

The following Report was presented:

The Committee on Canons, finding themselves unable at this time to prepare a Digest of the Canons of the Diocese, have deemed it expedient to refer the whole matter to a sub-committee, who shall, after careful consideration, report to the next Convention.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

The following Report was also presented:

The Committee on Canons respectfully recommend the adoption of the following

SUBSTITUTE FOR CANON II, TITLE I.

OF THE TREASURER OF THE DIOCESE.

§1. A Treasurer shall be annually elected by the Convention, who shall serve until his successor is chosen; and it shall be his duty to receive, preserve and disburse all funds collected by order, or on account of the Convention, unless when otherwise provided for. He shall keep an accurate account of all assessments laid by the Convention; and of all payments or remissions which shall be made thereon; and he shall render a full Report to each Annual Convention, showing in detail his receipts and disbursements; and all arrearages which may remain due and unpaid up to the close of the first day of its session; and he shall furnish the Secretary, at the opening of each Convention, with a list of all Parishes which have paid their assessments in full.

§2. Upon retiring from office he shall pay over to his successor all funds remaining in his hands, and also transfer to him all books and papers belonging to the Diocese, which may be in his possession.

By order of the Committee,

H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., Chairman.

These Sections were adopted *seriatim*, and the whole Canon was then adopted; the Convention voting by Parishes and Orders.

On motion, by a similar vote, the former Canon on this subject, Canon II, Title I, was repealed.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the Rector, Vestry and Congregation of Christ Church, Mobile, and to the citizens generally, for the cordial welcome and generous hospitality extended by them to the members of this body, which have contributed so much to their comfort and pleasure.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby returned to the different Railroad and Steamboat Companies of this State, for courtesies extended to the members of this body.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay to the Sexton of Christ Church, Mobile, the sum of Ten Dollars, in recognition of his services to this Convention.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Diocese be instructed to pay Rev. R. H. COBBS, D. D., the sum of Fifty Dollars for his services as Secretary of this Convention.

At this point the Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended, and thus amended were approved.

The hour for the Order of the Day having arrived, the Convention proceeded to consider the State of the Church within the Diocese.

After several addresses had been made, the regular order of business was resumed, and the following Report was presented; the President calling the Rev. Mr. HUNT to the chair.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee have considered the amount of money that will be required to meet the expenses of the Diocese for the ensuing year. The expenditures are estimated as follows:

For Salary of Bishop,	$4,500 00
" Premium on Life Policy of Bishop,	130 00
" Printing Journal,	250 00
" Expenses of Convention,	60 00
" Contingent Expenses,	100 00
Total,	$5,040 00

To raise this amount your Committee have made an assessment upon the Parishes and Missionary points amounting to the sum of $4,220, as shown by the Schedule hereto attached, marked "A".

This amount, with the interest from the Bishop's Fund, estimated at $800, will aggregate the sum of $5,020, being $20 less than estimate required.

The Committee fear that there will be a small deficit in the assessment upon the Parishes, but estimate that this deficiency will be met from the arrearages of the Parishes on the assessment of last year, not yet collected by the Treasurer. The Committee would recommend the remission of the amount due from some of the Parishes now in arrears, as shown by Schedule "B" hereto attached. In making the annual assessment, your Committee have endeavored to distribute the amount necessary to be raised among the Parishes, as nearly as they could, with due regard to their ability and the wants of the Diocese.

The Committee have examined and audited the account of Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer of the Diocese, and find it correct.

He has received,	$5,441 69
and has disbursed,	4,973 13
Leaving balance in hand of	$468 56

Every claim upon the Diocese has been paid, and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer will be sufficient to pay the expenses of this Convention and the Insurance premium upon the life of the Bishop.

The Committee take great pleasure in testifying to the faithful and correct manner in which Mr. BARNEWALL has managed the financial affairs of the Diocese, and trust that he will long be willing to give his services to the Church in the position he now fills so well.

N. H. R. DAWSON, Chairman.

SCHEDULE A.

ASSESSMENTS—1877-'78.

St. Paul's, Spring Hill,	$ 10 00
St. Michael's, Marengo County,	50 00
St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	25 00
St. Stephen's, Eutaw,	75 00
Grace Church, Portland,	20 00
St. Paul's, Decatur,	25 00
St. Paul's, Whistler,	25 00
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	50 00
St. John's Church, Mobile,	200 00
St. John's, Montgomery,	650 00
St. James', Livingston,	50 00
St. Paul's, Greensboro',	150 00
St. Paul's, Lowndesboro',	40 00
St. James', Eufaula,	135 00
St. Peter's, Talladega,	20 00
St. John's, Elyton,	10 00
St. Thomas', Greenville,	40 00
St. Mary's, Evergreen,	10 00
Trinity, Union Springs,	10 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,595 00

Amount brought forward,	$1,595 00
St. Paul's, Selma,	325 00
St. Wilfrid's, Marion,	50 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	200 00
St. Paul's, Carlowville,	30 00
Emmanuel, Opelika,	45 00
St. Luke's, Jacksonville,	40 00
St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	10 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	350 00
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	150 00
St. Andrew's, Macon,	45 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	60 00
Christ Church, Mobile,	650 00
Trinity Church, Mobile,	400 00
Athens Mission,	20 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	25 00
Trinity, Florence,	25 00
St. David's, Dallas County,	10 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	30 00
St. Luke's, Cahaba,	10 00
St. Mary's, Camden,	10 00
St. John's, Madison Station,	10 00
Montevallo Mission,	15 00
Grace Church, Morgan County,	25 00
Courtland Mission,	20 00
Anniston Mission,	10 00
St. Mark's, Prattville,	15 00
Scottsboro' Mission,	15 00
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville	20 00
St. Mary's, Tallassee,	10 00
Total,	$4,220 00

SCHEDULE B.

LIST OF PARISHES REMITTED.

Calvary Church, Pushmataha,	$ 43 75
Church of the Redeemer, Seale,	70 00
St. Andrew's, Hayneville,	100 00
St. John's, Tuscumbia,	60 00
St. Mark's, Prattville,	70 00
St. Mary's, Evergreen,	60 00
St. Mary's, Tallassee,	58 75
St. Mary's, Camden,	20 00
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	100 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	20 00
Total,	$602 50

On motion, this Report was received.

The hour for closing the daily session having now arrived, the Convention, on motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock, A. M. Saturday.

FOURTH DAY.

MOBILE, ALA., May 5, 1877.

Morning Prayer was said at 9 o'clock, A. M. After Service the Convention was called to order; the Roll was called and a quorum found to be present. The Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and amended; and as amended were approved.

The Report of Committee on Finance being before the Convention, the President called the Rev. Mr. HUNT to the chair.

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Finance was concurred in, and its recommendations adopted.

The following Report from a Special Committee was presented:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, with accompanying documents, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following Report:

1. The accounts of the Treasurer have been examined by the Committee and found to be correct. The interest upon all securities and outstanding notes has been collected regularly, with a single exception. The interest upon the Hamner Hall mortgage continues in default, and three (3) years interest upon this loan are now due; making $1,200 and increasing the indebtedness to $6,200.

2. The Committee find that no changes have been made in the investments belonging to the Bishop's Fund during the past year. With regard to these investments the Committee are satisfied that those loans upon real estate upon which interest has been punctually paid, are adequately secured, and would recommend that the larger loan be extended for another term of three years, if desired by the parties; and that the loan of S. EDWARDS, be reduced by a payment of 50 per cent. during the present year.

The Committee also, in view of the substitution by the U. S. Government, at an early day, of new Bonds bearing 4 and 4½ per cent. interest for the present outstanding issues, would recommend the disposal of the U. S. Bonds now held by this Fund, and the investment of the proceeds in the new Bonds issued by the State of Alabama. These Bonds can now be purchased on favorable terms, and are advancing in price with a prospect of enhancing steadily towards par value.

The Committee believe that the reduction of the State debt by the recent settlement, and the Constitutional safeguards now protecting from further increase, make these securities safe and reliable investments.

With regard to the Hamner Hall property, the Committee would call attention to the Resolutions adopted by the last Convention in relation thereto. For reasons unexplained in their Report, the Trustees do not appear to

have taken any action on the subject. The Committee have no further suggestions to offer in reference to this property, believing that prompt action under the Resolutions of the last Convention would furnish the best solution of the question.

There remains in the hands of the Treasurer a small balance of the last year's income, $209 81, which the Committee recommend for investment in State Bonds, as above mentioned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. B. CLARK,
R. M. NELSON,
W. H. BRAY.

On motion, this Report was received and concurred in.

On motion, it was further

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund be instructed not to foreclose the mortgage on the Hamner Hall property, until after the meeting of the next Convention.

Mr. HENRY BARNEWALL was nominated and re-elected Treasurer of the Diocese of Alabama.

Mr. STEPHENS CROOM was nominated and re-elected Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby returned to the Officers of the 1st Regiment of Alabama State Troops, and also to Merchants' Fire Company, No. 4, of Mobile, for the tender of their respective Halls for the use of this Convention.

The Convention then proceeded to the election, by ballot, of the Trustees of the Bishop's Fund.

Rev. ROBERT W. BARNWELL and Mr. E. F. CAMPBELL, were appointed Tellers; and the balloting resulted in the unanimous election of the old board:

Mr. N. H. R. DAWSON, Mr. JOSIAH MORRIS, Mr. H. C. HART.

Of these, Mr. DAWSON was designated as Treasurer by the Convention.

The following Report from a Special Committee, was presented and received, and on motion, the accompanying Resolutions were adopted.

To the Convention:

Your Select Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, respectfully report the following Resolutions, and recommend their adoption.

JAMES BOND, Chairman.

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention does hereby sanction the execution of a mortgage upon the property described in the memorial of Christ Church, Tuskaloosa, to secure the payment of all obligations that may be given by said Parish ; to renew or extend the time of payment of said notes described in the memorial: but no obligation shall thereby be held to be created against the Church at large of this Diocese.

2. *Resolved*, That the Bishop of the Diocese, on behalf of this Church in its corporate name, to-wit : "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama," be, and is hereby authorized, to sign and execute and deliver such mortgage.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, to iuquire into the condition of the Hamner Hall property ; and to ascertain the legal rights of the respectlve parties in interest ; and to report the result of these investigations to the next Convention.

Mr. F. B. CLARK, Mr. JAMES BOND, Mr. P. T. SAYRE, were appointed on this Committee.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have printed 1,000 copies of the Journal of this Convention, and distribute them as usual among the Parishes.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till 2½ o'clock, P. M.

MOBILE, ALA., May 5th, 1877—2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The minutes of the morning's proceedings were read and approved. On motion, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

RICHARD H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

RICH'D H. COBBS, Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

Annual Report

TO THE

CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA,

MAY 2d, 1877.

Dearly Beloved Brethren of the Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Convention of the Diocese of Alabama:

We are assembled once again, in the good Providence of GOD, to take counsel together, and to render a mutual account of our labors. I present you the following report of my official acts during the Conventional year just closed.

1876.—May 10th.—Attended opening services of the Annual Convention of the Diocese, in St. Paul's Church, Selma; and after a sermon by the Rev. ALEX. I. DRYSDALE, celebrated Holy Communion.

The remainder of the week was spent in attendance upon the sessions of the Convention.

May 14th—(Fourth Sunday after Easter.)—Officiated at St. Paul's Church, Selma, and, after a sermon by the Rev. Mr. DRYSDALE, addressed the congregation and confirmed 8 persons.

Attended the children's Sunday School celebration in same Church and, after an address by the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, made an address to the Clergy, and thus closed the religious services of the Convention.

I had planned a series of visitations immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, but was prevented from fulfilling my appointments by the prevalence of freshets, which destroyed all the bridges, and rendered travel impossible.

About this time I was compelled by ill-health to seek another climate, and I spent the summer in travelling. I do not deem it necessary to give a detailed account of the services rendered during my absence from the Diocese. Suffice it to say, that I officiated regularly, as occasion offered and health permitted. During my absence I baptized a child.

October 8th—(17th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon of same day, baptized an infant at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

October 15th—(18th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

October 22—(19th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

October 28th—(St. Simon and St. Jude.)—Baptized an infant at St. John's Church, Mobile, delivered an address, and celebrated Holy Communion.

October 29th—(20th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 5th—(21st Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached, morning and afternoon, in the new Church building at Opelika; confirming 3 persons and celebrating Holy Communion.

The building was not completed at the time of my visitation, and for that reason was not consecrated. It will be remembered that the former Church building was swept away by a tornado, and the present structure has reached its present state of completeness under every possible discouragement.

November 8th.—Preached at Union Springs, and confirmed 1 person.

We worshipped on this occasion in a store room which had been purchased for Church purposes. When the contemplated improvements shall have been made, it will furnish a comfortable and sufficiently commodious building for the present congregation.

November 9th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Troy, Pike County, and confirmed 5 persons.

This was my first visit to Troy, and so far as I can ascertain, was the first Episcopal visitation ever held at that place. The town has grown into importance from the fact that it is the present terminus of the Mobile and Girard Rail Road. I found there several families from England who retain their love for their Mother Church, and are doing their best to build an Altar and worship after the manner of their fathers.

The Rev. Mr. WADDELL has been holding regular services for some months, and it is through his ministry, under GOD, that I have to record the confirmations at that Station.

November 12th—(22d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached, morning and evening, at St. James' Church, Eufaula; at the latter service confirming 2 persons.

November 14th.—Preached, morning and evening, at Clayton, county seat of Barbour; consecrated the new Church building by the name of GRACE CHURCH; confirming 7 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I have, in a former report, referred to the history of the Church at Clayton.

November 19th—(23d Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

November 23d.—Preached at Prattville, Autauga county, and confirmed 18 persons.

This was my first visitation of Prattville for many years. I had looked upon it as territory which we had scarcely occupied and would have to abandon. By the blessing of GOD upon the ministry of the Rev. Dr. STRINGFELLOW, of St. John's Church, Montgomery, an interest has been awakened in the community which, even with its present results, is most remarkable. A building has been purchased and paid for; a Vestry has been organized

and the ordinary results of years of labor have been realized by the labors of a few months. Doubtless, the good seed sown by the hands of our Evangelist, the Rev. J. F. SMITH, is even now bearing fruit, and we should all find comfort in the assurance, that "in due season, we shall reap, if we faint not."

I trust that the history of the work at Prattville may stimulate all of our Parochial Clergy to look around them, and see where they may bestow some missionary labor. We have here an evidence of what may be accomplished by occasional week day services. At the time of this writing no Sunday services of any description have been held at Prattville for some years.

November 24th.—Preached at St. Matthew's Church, Autaugaville, confirmed 2 persons and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon confirmed a person in private, and celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person.

November 26th—(24th Sunday after Trinity.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Greensboro', morning and evening; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 27th.—Preached again at same Church.

November 28th.—Preached at St. Wilfrid's, Marion, and celebrated Holy Communion.

November 30th—(St. Andrew's Day.)—Preached at St. David's Church, Dallas County; baptized an infant; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 3d—(Advent Sunday.)—Preached at St. Michael's Church, Marengo County; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion. In the afternoon, held service, for the colored people, at Faunsdale Chapel.

December 10th—(2d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Evergreen; baptized an adult; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 17th—3d Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Greenville, and celebrated Holy Communion.

December 24th—(4th Sunday in Advent.)—Preached, and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Whistler.

December 25th—(Christmas Day.)—Preached, and celebrated Holy Communion at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

December 31st—(Sunday after Christmas.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

1877.—January 7th—(1st Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Whistler, and baptized an infant.

January 14th—(2d Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile.

January 17th.—Visited Montevallo, but in consequence of very inclement weather could not officiate.

January 19th—Preached at Talladega, morning and evening, and confirmed 1 person.

January 21st—(3d Sunday after Epiphany.)—Preached at Anniston and baptized an infant.

January 23d.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville, and confirmed 3 persons. I also confirmed a sick person in private and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 2d—(Feast of Purification.)—At the Oratory of the "Church Home" received a Probationer for admission as a Deaconess.

At St. John's Church, Mobile, on same day, I set apart a Deaconess—made an address to the congregation and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 4th—(Sexagesima Sunday.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Selma, morning and night; confirmed 5 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion; giving 13 as the number confirmed in this Parish since my last annual report.

February 5th.—Celebrated Holy Communion with a sick person in private.

February 6th.—Preached at St. Luke's Church, Cahaba; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 8th.—Preached, morning and evening, at the Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown, baptized an infant and confirmed 5 persons.

February 9th.—Preached again at same Church, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 10th.—Preached at Trinity Church, Demopolis.

February 11th—(Quinquagesima Sunday.)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at same Church, and confirmed 3 persons.

February 14th—(Ash Wednesday.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile; confirmed 2 persons, and celebrated Holy Communion.

February 18th—(1st Sunday in Lent.)—Participated in services at Christ Church, Mobile, and after a sermon by the Rector, made an address to the congregation.

February 25th—(2d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill.

In the afternoon, confirmed 1 person at Trinity Church, Mobile, and made an address to the congregation.

March 4th—(3d Sunday in Lent.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Mobile.

March 6th.—Preached at St. James' Church, Livingston.

March 7th.—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church.

March 8th.—At early morning service, celebrated Holy Communion at same Church, and addressed the Congregation.

St. James' Church is now without ministerial services; the Rev. S. U. Smith having resumed his labors at St. Mark's, Fork of Greene.

March 9th.—Preached, morning and evening at St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw; at the latter service, confirming 1 person.

March 11th—(4th Sunday in Lent.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Christ Church, Tuskaloosa; confirming 6 persons.

March 12th.—At early morning service, celebrated Holy Communion. At evening service, preached, and confirmed 5 persons; giving 11 as the number confirmed at this visitation.

March 13th.—Preached at Christ Church, Mobile.

March 22nd.—Preached, morning and evening, at Trinity Church, Florence; celebrating Holy Communion, and confirming 2 persons.

March 23rd.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. John's Church, Tuscumbia; baptizing 2 children, confirming 3 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion. This Church will soon be ready for consecration.

March 24th.—Preached at Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

March 25th.—(Sunday before Easter.)—Preached, morning and evening, at same Church, and confirmed 13 persons.

March 26th—(Monday before Easter.)—Preached at Scottsboro', the County seat of Jackson, and confirmed 9 persons. This was the first Episcopal visitation at Scottsboro'. The confirmations were the fruit of the labors of the Rev. Dr. BANISTER, who had found time for holding regular week-day services, and had gathered together a little flock in this hitherto neglected place.

March 27th—(Tuesday before Easter.)—Preached at St. Paul's Church, Decatur, and confirmed 5 persons.

March 28th—(Wednesday before Easter.)—Preached again at same place, and celebrated Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, preached at Athens.

March 29th—(Thursday before Easter.)—Preached again at Athens; baptizing 6 children, and celebrating Holy Communion. In the afternoon, confirmed a sick person at Decatur, and celebrated Holy Communion.

March 30th—(Good Friday.)—Preached, morning and evening, at the "Mountain Spring High School;" the residence of Mr. JOHN A. LILE, near Trinity Station, on the Memphis and Charleston R. R. I here confirmed 11 persons, baptized 1 child, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I would embrace this opportunity to call the attention of our people to the claims of the "Mountain Spring High School." It is situated in a healthy and sequestered spot in North Alabama, and is within a short walk from Trinity Station, on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad. It presents many and great advantages to the youth of our State, and I commend it to the attention of all who desire for their children and wards the privilege of a sound education under genial and healthful auspices.

March 31st—(Easter Even.)—Officiated again at St. Paul's Church, Decatur.

April 1st—(Easter Day.)—Preached, morning and evening, at Birmingham; confirming 9 persons, and celebrating Holy Communion. This Church building has been greatly beautified and at a very insignificant cost, by the taste and skill of the Rev. Mr. HALL, the Deacon officiating.

April 2nd—(Monday in Easter week.)—Preached at St. John's Church, Elyton; confirmed 1 person, and celebrated Holy Communion.

I missed at this service the familiar form of one very dear to me, and to the Church throughout the Diocese—the late Dr. NATHANIEL HAWKINS: a Nathaniel indeed in whom was no guile. To him and to his devoted household we owe it that the Church exists in that part of Alabama. Quiet, ear-

nest and unobtrusive, he did his duty to GOD and to men. He now rests from his labors, but his works will follow him to the end of time. We can illy afford to lose such men from our midst.

In the afternoon of same day addressed the congregation at Birmingham and baptized a child. At this latter place a desire had been expressed that I should consecrate the house of worship to the service of GOD. I did not accede to the request, because I look forward to the time when Birmingham shall become a city. When that day shall come, and I do not think it will be a distant day, the present frail and temporary structure will poorly and inadequately meet the demands of a flourishing city. I shall, in all probability, not live to see it; but at no distant day my successor in the Episcopal office will consecrate to the service of GOD a building which in its massiveness and beauty shall more adequately set forth the enduringness of her principles, the strength of her towers, and the beauty of her palaces.

April 3d—(Tuesday in Easter Week.)—Officiated at Christ Church, Mobile, and confirmed 1 person.

April 5th.—At Christ Church, Mobile, confirmed 1 person. The person confirmed had been a Rabbi of the Jewish Congregation, in Mobile. After his conversion to Christianity he had attached himself to the Baptist Denomination, and had occupied the position of Teacher of Hebrew, &c. at the Greenville Theological Seminary in South Carolina. A deeper study and reflection had made him a Churchman, and he is now pursuing his studies at the "University of the South," with the view of seeking Orders in the Church.

April 6th.—Married a couple at Spring Hill.

April 8th—(1st Sunday after Easter.)—Preached, morning and afternoon, at St. John's Church, Montgomery; at the latter service confirming 32 persons.

I spent the Monday and Tuesday following in Montgomery, visiting, as far as I could, the members of the congregation.

April 11th.—Preached, morning and evening, at St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro.

April 12th.—Preached at same Church and celebrated Holy Communion.

April 13th.—Failed to reach my appointment at Hayneville, because of stress of weather.

April 15th—(2d Sunday after Easter.)—Preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, in absence of the Rector.

April 22d—(3d Sunday after Easter.)—Held my regular visitation at St. John's Church, Mobile, and confirmed 67 persons. I also addressed the children of the Sunday School. This was an occasion of deep interest. The number of candidates was greater than that at any other single confirmation I have ever held in the Diocese of Alabama. The interest was to me greatly enhanced by the fact that 11 of the persons confirmed were the orphan girls of the "Church Home."

April 25th—(St. Mark's Day.)—Received a Probationer for the Order of Deaconesses at the Oratory of the "Church Home." I also, on same day,

officiated at St. John's Church, Mobile; confirmed 1 person and celebrated Holy Communion. Number confirmed at St. John's Church, for the year just closed, 68.

April 29th—(4th Sunday after Easter)—Addressed the Children of the Sunday School at Christ Church, Mobile. This Sunday School had done nobly for Diocesan Missions at Easter, and I thanked them from a full heart.

On same day preached at same Church and confirmed 11 persons. Number confirmed at Christ Church for the year just closed 13.

In the evening of same Sunday, preached at Trinity Church, Mobile, and confirmed 13 persons.

April 30th—Confirmed a sick person in private; candidate presented by the Rector of Trinity Church, Mobile.

Number confirmed from Trinity Church, since last report, 17.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Convention I purpose, God willing, to resume my visitations along the line of the Alabama River.

The following is a summary of my official labors since my last Annual Report, viz:

Churches Consecrated	1
Baptisms—Infants	16
Marriages	1
Confirmations	271
Candidates for Holy Orders	2
Postulants " " "	3

GENERAL SUMMARY OF REPORTS TO THE CONVENTION

FOR 1875, 1876, 1877.

	1875.	1876.	1877.	TOTAL.
Churches Consecrated	....	....	1	1
Deacons Ordained	1	2	....	3
Priests Ordained	1	1	....	2
Lay Readers Licensed	2	3	....	5
Baptisms.....adults 5, infants 7:	12	14	16	42
Marriages	3	4	1	8
Funerals	2	2	....	4
Confirmations	300	272	271	843
Deaconesses set apart	1	1	1	3

CONSENTS.

I have given my canonical consent to the Consecration of the Rev. Dr. PERRY, to the Episcopate of Iowa; and to that of Rev. Dr. PENICK, to the Missionary Episcopate of Cape Palmas and parts adjacent.

I withheld my consent to the Consecration of the Bishop elect for China; having long entertained the opinion that the Episcopate of the Anglican Church is ample for all present missionary purposes in that country, and

doubting seriously the wisdom and propriety of establishing there under present circumstances, the Episcopate of the American Church. There are vast fields of unoccupied territory, where the Episcopate of our Branch of the Church Catholic exercises no jurisdiction. Upon these neglected fields it would be wiser, in my judgment, to expend our strength and resources.

OFFICIAL NOTICES RECEIVED.

I have received the following notices of Deposition from the Ministry of the Church, viz: That of JOHN R. DUNNE, by Bishop of Kansas; WM. J. LYND, by Bishop of Colorado; JNO. R. FUREY, by Bishop of Central Pennsylvania; GIDEON D. SIMMONS, by Bishop of Iowa; WM. THOS. CAMPBELL, by Bishop of Iowa; J. GODFREY JONES, by Bishop of Southern Ohio; ISAIAH J. BABCOCK, by Bishop of Western Michigan; WM. A. JENKS, by Bishop of Massachusetts; RO. TREWARTHA, by Bishop of Iowa; J. R. SWANCOAT, by Bishop of Texas; HENRY J. BROWN, by Bishop of Texas.

Also, notice from the Bishop of Quebec that the Rev. CHAS. THORPE, had absconded.

Also, from the Bishop of Massachusetts, that he had erased the names of EDWIN D. MEAD and CHAS. ED. STOWE from the list of Candidates for Orders.

CLERICAL CHANGES.

I have transferred to the Diocese of Maryland the Rev. OGLE MARBURY, and to that of South Carolina the Rev. ELLISON CAPERS.

I have accepted the Letters Dimissory of the Rev. ROBERT W. BARNWELL from the Diocese of Georgia, and of the Rev. FRANK HALLAM from same Diocese, and of the Rev. A. KINNEY HALL (Deacon) from the Diocese of Indiana.

CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE.

I have resigned the Rectorship of St. John's Church, Mobile, and have been succeeded in the same by the Rev. T. J. BEARD.

The Rev. ROBERT W. BARNWELL has become Rector of Trinity Church, Demopolis.

The Rev. FRANK HALLAM has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Selma.

The Rev. CHAS. E. CABANISS (Deacon) is officiating at Decatur, Athens and "Mountain Spring High School."

The Rev. S. U. SMITH, has vacated the provisional Rectorship of St. James' Church, Livingston, and has resumed the Rectorship of St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene.

The Rev. HORACE STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D., has taken charge for the present of St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro, and of the Church at Prattville.

The Rev. JAMES A. VAN HOOSE, (Deacon) because of a serious affection of his eyes, has been compelled to relinquish ministerial duty for the present, and with my cordial consent, has undertaken an agency in behalf of the University of the South.

The Rev. DEB. WADDELL has added the town of Troy, a thriving town at present, to the area of his mission work.

The Rev. RO. W. BARNWELL has been appointed Provisional Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Marengo.

The Rev. PETER WAGER (Deacon) has added the village of Courtland to his mission field.

The Rev. WM. A. STICKNEY, has been compelled through bad health to resign the Rectorship of St. Michael's and St. Andrew's Churches.

CHURCH PROPERTY.—CHURCH HOME FUND.

Amount on hand January, 1876, as last reported	$6,799 80
Amount on hand January 1st, 1877	8,910 58
This amount has been increased by the proceeds of the last Church Home Bazaar, (say $2,765 50.) Deducting amount paid for a "Boy's Orphanage," $1,400 00, and an adjoining lot, $350 00, and current expenses, I have on hand at date, viz:	
Mobile County Bonds	6,000 00
State Money	1,750 00
Negotiable Note in National Commercial Bank	1,086 88
Cash in Bank to meet expenses	400 00
	$9,236 88

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that, notwithstanding the purchase of real estate, the cash funds of the "Church Home" have largely increased since my last report. It is very gratifying to me, in these times of stringency, to be able to make so favorable a report. The liberality of the good people of Mobile, and the careful and unselfish administration on the part of the Deaconesses in charge, have enabled me thus far to accomplish all that has been done.

GAINESVILLE CHURCH PROPERTY.—Amount deposited in the People's Savings Bank, last reported, $715 75. This has been increased by accruing interest and by the receipt of $200 00 from estate of the late Judge REAVIS, and I have now in People's Savings Bank belonging to this fund $993 78.

THE LATE MR. GIBSON'S ESTATE.—I have been as yet unable to close up this estate. The stringency of the times renders it impossible to realize its full value by pressing the claim to the utmost, and, acting by the advice of my Attorney, I have allowed matters to rest as at last report.

I have thus, dear brethren, given you the record of my official acts for the Conventional year now closed.

It has, hitherto, been my uniform custom to append to my statistical account an address upon some topic of especial interest. I shall have to content myself at this time, to close here, and to reserve for some future occasion the expression of some thoughts which I have not found the leisure to put into shape.

Commending you to the Divine guidance and protection, and invoking the Divine blessing upon your deliberations, I am, yours faithfully,

RICH'D H. WILMER,
Bishop of Alabama.

MOBILE, May 2d, 1877.

APPENDIX B.

Parochial Reports.

CHRIST CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Alex. I. Drysdale, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—Present No.			297
Sunday School—Teachers 18; scholars 144		Total..	162
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 29; private 6		Total..	35
Baptisms			13
Confirmations			13
Marriages			4
Funerals			16
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,600 00		
Convention Fund	780 00		
Current Expenses	2,846 24		
Repairs	150 00—	$7,376 24	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		386 85	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	1,505 45		
Diocesan Missions	548 49—	2,053 94	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	49 10		
Foreign Missions	36 30—	85 40	
Total Expenditures		$9,902 43	

Remarks.—On the basis of last year's report of number of Communicants the number reported this year should be larger. The list of Communicants however, since that report, has been carefully revised, and the above figures are believed to be correct.

CHRIST CHURCH, TUSKALOOSA.—Rev. Geo. H. Hunt, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Baptisms—Adults 8; infants 6		Total..	14
Confirmations—2; Persons confirmed			11
Marriages			3
Burials			0
Communicants—Reported in 1876	143		
Since lost by removals	8—	135	
Added by first communion 5; and by removals into the Parish 6, being an increase of		11	
Present number			146

Sunday School—Teachers 12; pupils 72	Total..	84
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		14
Collections—Weekly Offertory		$1,350 38
Offerings of Sunday School		81 85
By Subscription Lists		524 95
Otherwise		500 45
Total Collections		$2,457 63
Appropriations—To Rector's Salary		1,500 00
To Convention Assessment		100 00
To Incidental Expenses		134 88
To Interest on Indebtedness		348 47
To Diocesan Missions		42 00
To the Sunday School		43 00
To the Poor		9 00
For Carved Eagle Lectern		105 00
To payment of old debt		118 70
Total Appropriations		$2,401 05

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENSBORO'.

Rev. R. H. Cobbs, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 140; died 2; removed 7	Present No..		130
Sunday School—Teachers 7; Scholars 50	Total..		57
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 16; private 2	Total..		18
Baptisms			18
Confirmations			1
Marriages			4
Funerals			9
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 765 15		
Convention Fund	150 00		
Current Expenses	43 00		
Repairs	82 00		
Other purposes	107 10—	$1,147 25	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		24 86	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		112 30	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions	29 60		
Foreign Missions	9 00		
University of the South	5 00—	43 60	
Total Expenditures		$1,328 01	

Remarks.—Of the amounts reported above, $200 00 were presented by the Sunday School at the Easter Festival.

TRINITY CHURCH, DEMOPOLIS.

Rev. Rob't W. Barnwell, Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—Died 1		Present No..	68
Sunday School—Teachers 7; scholars 60			67
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 7; private 1		Total..	8
Baptisms—Infants 6; adults 4		Total..	10
Confirmations			3
Marriages			1
Funerals			3
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$1,000 00		
Convention Fund	150 00		
Current Expenses	75 00		
Repairs	25 00—	$1,250 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	54 80		
Raised for Rectory Fund since January, 1876..	725 65		
The children of the Sunday School, assisted by our Communion Offering, purchased during the last year, in memory of Rev. Mr. Hanson, a Font for	150 00—	930 45	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		69 90	
Total Expenditures		$2,250 35	

Remarks.—It will be seen from the last Convention Report that the Rev. Ogle Marbury resigned his charge of Trinity Church, Demopolis, Feb. 1st, 1876. The present Rector entered upon his duties Oct. 1st of the same year. Demopolis, therefore, was without a Rector for eight months. This accounts for the small contribution to Diocesan Missions mentioned in the above report.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, LIVINGSTON.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 45; died 1; removed 1		Present No..	43
Baptized Persons not Communicants—not known			
Total Parishioners—not known			
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 12		Total..	15
Baptisms			3
Marriages			1
Funerals			3
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$93 25		
Convention Fund	33 75		
Current Expenses	31 05—	158 05	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		18 73	
Total Expenditures		$176 78	

Remarks.—The foregoing includes all the expenditures in the Parish since the Convention of 1876, and exceeds by some twenty dollars the total receipts for same period.

BEN. F. HERR,
Senior Warden.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MONTGOMERY.

Rev. H. STRINGFELLOW, Jr., D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876; 428; died 3; removed 10.....Present No..			450
Sunday School—Teachers 27; scholars 186.....Total..			213
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 25; private 3.....Total..			28
Baptisms			56
Confirmations			32
Marriages			6
Funerals			13
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report			11
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$3,500 00		
Convention Fund	780 00		
Current Expenses	1,028 98		
Repairs	785 00—	$5,993 98	
Charities and Benefations in the Parish—			
Communion Alms	195 65		
Easter Offering	680 00—	875 65	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Diocesan Missions	279 35		
Church at Prattville	50 00—	329 35	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		50 00	
Total Expenditures		$7,248 98	

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SELMA—Rev. FRANK HALLAM, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 188; died 3; removed 7.....Present No..			179
Baptized Persons not Communicants			123
Total Parishioners			369
Sunday School—Teachers 15; scholars 120.....Total..			135
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 17; private 2.....Total..			19
Baptisms			25
Confirmations			14
Marriages			2
Funerals			7
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$2,282 79		
Convention Fund	400 00		
Current Expenses	506 22		
New Church	1,735 28—	$4,924 29	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		87 70	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		87 82	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		16 00	
Total Expenditures		$5,115 81	

ST. WILFRID'S CHURCH, MARION.

April 28th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 55; removed 11 ..... Present No.		44
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 20 ..... Total.		25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		12
Baptisms		3
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$110 30	
Convention Fund	50 00—	$160 30
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		5 00
Total Expenditures		$165 30

REMARKS.—Rev. R. H. COBBS, very acceptable to our people, has given us monthly services since last Convention, administering the Holy Communion at each visit. E. L. STICKNEY, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, CARLOWVILLE—Rev. F. B. LEE, Rector.

April 26th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 56; removed 1 ..... Present No.		55
Baptized Persons not Communicants		51
Total Parishioners		106
Sunday School—Teachers, 3; scholars 20 ..... Total.		23
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
Marriages		1
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$145 00	
Convention Fund	20 00	
Current Expenses	6 25—	$171 25
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		20 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions		10 00
Total Expenditures		$201 25

REMARKS.—I have been so long settled here that my annual services undergo but little change. The last year's remarks would serve for the present, viz: Regular alternate Sunday services in County Line and Carlowville, with a week day service in the latter, and 5th Sunday with other such services as I can render in Camden, Wilcox County.

GRACE CHURCH, COUNTY LINE.—Rev. F. B. LEE, Pastor.

April 26th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 40 ..... Present No.		45
Baptized Persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		85
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$ 65 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions—(Communion Alms)		30 25
Total Expenditures		$95 25

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, TUSCUMBIA.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 28; died 2; removed 2; ..... Present No..			31
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 22 ..... Total..			28
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			1
Baptisms—Adults 1; infants 7 ..... Total..			8
Confirmations			3
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$238 00		
Convention Fund	20 00		
Current Expenses	19 25		
Repairs	79 25—	$356	50
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		7	85
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		5	05
Total Expenditures		$369	40

REMARKS.—In May, by the Bishop's direction, I will commence services in Courtland, giving one Sunday a month. The prospects, by GOD's blessing, in Tuscumbia are more encouraging for the Church.

PETER WAGER, Minister in Charge.

TRINITY CHURCH, FLORENCE.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 49; removed 7 ..... Present No..			49
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 48 ..... Total..			54
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			1
Baptisms—Infants 6; (Not in report of 1876, Infants 6) ..... Total..			12
Confirmations			2
Funerals			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$305 90		
Convention Fund	34 00		
Current Expenses	49 58		
Font	21 00		
Sunday School Library	15 33—	$425	81
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		6	50
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		20	80
Total Expenditures		$453	11

PETER WAGER, Minister in Charge.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, HUNTSVILLE.

Rev. J. M. Banister, D. D., Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 248; died 5; removed 2; added 22.		
Present Number		263
Sunday School—Teachers 20; scholars 157	Total..	177
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 15; private 6	Total..	21
Baptisms—Adults 4; infants 6	Total..	10
Confirmations		22
Marriages		6
Funerals		10
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,400 00	
Convention Fund	400 00	
Current Expenses	207 80—	$3,007 80
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	249 30	
Children's Offering at their Easter Festival	477 65—	726 95
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		67 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	12 00	
Foreign Missions	12 00—	24 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		1,077 35
Total Expenditures		$4,903 10

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, EUFAULA.—Rev. J. C. Davis, Rector.

April 29th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 100; removed 11	Present No..	91
Sunday School—Teachers 7; scholars 52	Total..	59
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		11
Baptisms—Infants 15; adults 1	Total..	16
Confirmations		2
Marriages		3
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		11
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$1,200 00	
Convention Fund	135 00	
Current Expenses	379 05	
Sunday School	23 38—	$1,737 43
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		52 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		68 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		25 00
Total Expenditures		$1,882 43

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, GREENE COUNTY.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—Died 1; removed 3;.....Present No..			28
Baptized Persons not Communicants			23
Total Parishioners			51
Sunday School—Teachers 1; scholars 23;.....Total..			24
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			10
Baptisms			8
Confirmations			1
Marriages			1
Funerals			4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 306 80		
Convention Fund	75 00—	381 80	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		36 20	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Church Home	7 10		
Diocesan Missions	10 65—	17 75	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
University of the South		5 00	
Total Expenditures		$440 75	

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, FORK OF GREENE.

Rev. STEPHEN U. SMITH, Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—Present No			18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			2
Marriages			1
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$ 25 00		
Convention Fund	10 00—	35 00	
Charities and Benefations in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		6 10	
Total Expenditures		$ 41 10	

REMARKS.—I commenced service in this Parish in January—owing to rain and mud the service of the Church has been very irregular.

TRINITY CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. J. A. MASSEY, D. D., Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 507; died 8; removed 49,.....Present No..	467
Sunday School—Teachers 22; scholars 183,.....Total..	205
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 18; private 11.....Total..	29
Baptisms	76
Confirmations	17
Marriages	6
Funerals	33
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report	9

Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund		$400 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	$ 255 00	
Church Debt	1,750 00—	2,005 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	700 00	
Diocesan Missions	117 00—	817 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	7 35	
Foreign Missions	18 60—	25 95
Total Expenditures		$3,247 95

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Rector.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 60; removed 4	Present No..	56
Baptized Persons not Communicants		50
Total Parishioners		106
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 30	Total..	35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 10; private 1	Total..	11
Baptisms		4
Confirmations		3
Number of months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$150 00	
Repairs	10 00—	160 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		35 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		13 00
Total Expenditures		$208 00

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, ELYTON.—Rev. A. KINNEY HALL, Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—Died 2	Present No..	17
Sunday School—Teachers 5; scholars 20	Total..	25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 1; private 1	Total..	2
Baptisms—Adult 1; Infants 2	Total..	3
Confirmations		1
Marriages		1
Funerals		2
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		7
Number of Services—Sunday		19
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$13 40

REMARKS.—Since taking charge of the work in this part of the Diocese, the undersigned has held regularly on each Lord's day, an afternoon service in this Church. The congregations are small, occasioned by removals from the Parish. This Parish has met with an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. NATHANIEL HAWKINS; he was its Senior Warden, and was identified with the Parish from its organization, and to the zeal and christian constancy of this good man, the Parish owes much of its prosperity. He was in fact the father of the Church in this part of the Diocese.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, MOBILE.—Rev. Thos. J. Beard, Rector.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 520; died 9; removed 7 ..... Present No. .. 587
Sunday School—Teachers 33; scholars 245 ..... Total .. 278
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 82; private 24 ..... Total .. 106
Baptisms 88
Confirmations 68
Marriages 24
Funerals 46
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report 12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$2,000 00	
Convention Fund	250 00	
Current Expenses	260 70	
Repairs	41 85	
Paid on old debt	103 55	
Sunday School expenses	115 00	
Solid Silver Communion Service	500 00—	3,271 10
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms	228 40	
Parish Aid Society for Poor	47 25—	275 65
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Church Home	549 90	
Diocesan Missions	116 05—	665 95
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic Missions	25 35	
Foreign Missions	25 10—	50 45
Total Expenditures		$4,263 15

Remarks.—Daily Service is held throughout the year. Holy Communion every Sunday and upon all Festivals. The silver and gold Communion Service was offered in memory of the Blessed Dead of the Parish, and was made from the *rich* offerings of all the people, gladly given, of precious relics.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, MARENGO COUNTY.

May 3d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 32; removed 2 ..... } 21
Present No. (who actually communed within a year) ..... }
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 6
Baptisms 1
Confirmations 1
Funerals 2

Parochial Expenditures—		
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current Expenses	60 35—	$110 35
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		41 65
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—		
Domestic and Foreign Missions	55 50	
University of the South	10 00—	65 50
Total Expenditures		$217 50

Remarks.—Church open every Sunday for Lay reading; attendance very small. Communion administered occasionally by Rev. W. A. Stickney, as his health will permit. DAVID MINGE, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOWNDESBORO.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1877, 16.....Present No.. 16
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 14

Total Parishioners..... 30
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 20.....Total.. 26
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 4
Baptisms..... 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 8
Parochial Expenditures—
Salary of Rector.....$157 00
Convention Fund..... 40 00— $197 00
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—
Domestic Missions..... 10 00
Other Contributions for Church Purposes..... 12 00

Total Expenditures.....$219 00

REMARKS.—No Minister since the first of February. Hold Sabbath School every Sabbath morning. We hope soon to get a Minister.

H. H. WHETSTONE, Senior Warden.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SPRING HILL.—Rev. F. W. DAMUS, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 32; removed 2.....Present No.. 30
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 19

Total Parishioners..... 49
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public..... 12
Baptisms..... 1
Funerals..... 1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report..... 12
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector.....$80 00
Convention Fund..... 10 00
Current Expenses..... 35 25—$125 25

EMMANUEL CHURCH, OPELIKA.

Rev. J. H. TICKNOR, D. D., Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 36.....Present No.. 37
Baptized Persons not Communicants..... 30

Total Parishioners..... 67
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 24.....Total.. 30
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 14; private 1.....Total.. 15
Baptisms—Infants,..... 5
Confirmations..... 3
Marriages..... 1

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report, 12: 2 Sundays in each.

Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector.....$300 00
Repairs..... 21 00
Church Building.....105 00— $426 00

REMARKS.—During the greater part of the year about one-half my time has been given to other Parishes, from which reports will be made. The new Church building has been in use for some months.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

April 23d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 40; removed 3		Present No.	37
Baptized Persons not Communicants			46
Total Parishioners			83
Sunday School—Teachers, 7; scholars 40		Total	47
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			2
Baptisms			1
Marriages			3
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$320 00		
Convention Fund	50 00		
Current Expenses	67 25		
Repairs	70 00—	$507 25	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		50 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		27 65	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		6 15	
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		100 00	
Total Expenditures		$691 05	

D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiating.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EVERGREEN.

April 23d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 17; died 1	Present No.	18
Baptized Persons not Communicants		17
Total Parishioners		35
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms		12
Confirmations		2
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Mission since last Report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$115 00	
Other Contributions for Church Purposes	485 00	
Total Expenditures	$600 00	

D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiating.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, TALLADEGA.—Rev. J. F. Smith, Rector.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 52; died 1	Present No.	54
Baptized Persons not Communicants		40
Total Parishioners		94
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 15	Total	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		1
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		1
Funerals		2

Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$200 00	
Repairs	10 00—	$210 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		3 80
Other Contributions for Church Purposes		100 00
Total Expenditures		$313 80

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HAYNEVILLE.

April 23d, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 25	Present No.	25
Baptized Persons not Communicants		8
Total Parishioners		33
Sunday School—Teachers 3; scholars 12	Total	15
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Number of Months spent in the Mission since last Report,		12
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector		$100 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5 00
Total Expenditures		$105 00

D. F. HOKE, Deacon, officiating.

TRINITY CHURCH, UNION SPRINGS.

Rev. DeB. Waddell, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 12	Present No.	13
Baptized Persons not Communicants		12
Total Parishioners		25
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		4
Baptisms		2
Confirmations		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, DECATUR.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—Removed 7	Present No.	25
Sunday School—Teachers 2; scholars 16	Total	18
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 3; private 1	Total	4
Baptisms—Adults 2; infants 4	Total	6
Confirmations		6
Funerals		4
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		10
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$197 50	
Convention Fund	50 00	
Current Expenses	8 30—	255 80
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—		
Diocesan Missions		3 50
Total Expenditures		$259 30

REMARKS.—Last October, the Bishop directed me to take charge of this Parish, the Rev. J. A. VAN HOOSE, Minister in charge, having been compelled to resign it on account of the failure of his eyes. Rev. Mr. VAN HOOSE. officiated during three of the ten months reported, and received $90 80 of the salary of Rector.

CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister officiating.

ANNISTON MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 6	Present No.	14
Baptized Persons not Communicants		14
Total Parishioners		28
Sunday School—Teachers 4; scholars 30	Total	34
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		2
Baptism		1
Confirmations		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		12

Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$120 00	
Repairs	100 00—	$220 00
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		5 00
Total Expenditures		$225 00

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, BIRMINGHAM.

May 2d, 1877.

Communicants—Removed 11	Present No.	71
Actual Communicants		45
Baptized Persons not Communicants 31; children 72	Total	103
Total Parishioners		219
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 30	Total	36
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		4
Baptisms—Adults 1; infants 8	Total	9
Confirmations		9
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		7

Number of Services, Sunday 47; Holy Days 15; other days 36.

Parochial Expenditures—		
*Salary of Rector	$382 80	
Convention Fund	40 00	
Current Expenses	46 06	
Repairs	239 55—	$708 41
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—		
Communion Alms		11 16
Total Expenditures		$719 57

REMARKS.—Since taking charge of this Parish, one great effort has been to beautify and adorn our little Church, as becometh the House of GOD. The walls have been neatly frescoed, and lettered with texts of Scripture; a triple arch, super-altar and reredos, added to the chancel, which greatly enhances its beauty. The Sunday School has bought and paid the entire cost of a bell for our Church, which is a great help. During Lent we held daily

* A portion of this amount was paid to Rev. J. A. Van Hoose.

services, with an average attendance of eighteen. The Church lot has also been enclosed in a substantial fence, which adds greatly to its appearance.

A. KINNEY HALL, Minister in charge.

MONTEVALLO MISSION.—Rev. J. F. SMITH, Evangelist.

April 30th, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 14; removed 3 ..... Present No...	12
Baptized Persons not Communicants	20
Total Parishioners	32
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public	1
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms	$3 70

MISSION AT ATHENS.

May 1, 1877.

Communicants—Present Number		21
Sunday School—Teachers 6; scholars 32 ..... Total..		38
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public 2; private 1 ..... Total..		3
Baptisms—Infants		8
Funerals		1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		3
Parochial Expenditures—Salary of Rector	$60 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—Communion Alms	4 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—Diocesan Missions	3 00	
Total Expenditures		$67 00

REMARKS.—The Rev. J. A. VAN HOOSE officiated during the three months reported. The last of March the Bishop placed me in charge of this Mission.

CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister officiating.

GRACE CHURCH, CLAYTON.—Rev. DEB. WADDELL, Rector.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants—In 1876, 16, ... Present No..			22
Baptized Persons not Communicants			37
Total Parishioners			59
Sunday School—Teachers 8; scholars 42 ..... Total..			50
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public			17
Baptisms			10
Confirmations			7
Funerals			1
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report			12
Parochial Expenditures—			
Salary of Rector	$420 00		
Convention Fund	30 00		
Repairs	40 00—	$490 00	
Charities and Benefactions in the Parish—			
Communion Alms		23 35	
Charities and Benefactions in the Diocese—			
Diocesan Missions		13 00	
Charities and Benefactions beyond the Diocese—			
Domestic Missions		5 00	
Total Expenditures			$531 35

GRACE CHURCH, MORGAN COUNTY.

May 1st, 1877.

Communicants	Present No.	28
Celebration of Holy Communion—Public		3
Baptisms—Infants		2
Confirmations		11
Number of Months spent in the Parish since last Report		7
Parochial Expenditures—		
Salary of Rector	$48 50	
Organ	100 00—	$148 50

REMARKS.—This Mission has not yet been assessed by the Convention. The members of the Congregation have recently signed the Articles of Association, in order to be admitted into union with the Diocese at this time.

CHAS. E. CABANISS, Minister officiating.

MISSION AT TROY, PIKE COUNTY.

Rt. Rev. Father in God:

Having, under your direction, commenced services in the town of Troy, Pike County, I beg leave to report that I have so far found it a very promising Mission. I have held services regularly once a month, which have been well attended. A great deal of interest seems to be manifested, outside of the Church. I find more inquiry about the truth here, than is usual. I have already baptized 12—5 having been confirmed; and I hope by next Convention to report the erection of a Church building. We have now a nice lot and some $600 or $700.

Your Son, in Christ and His Holy Church,

DeB. WADDELL, Missionary in charge.

REPORT OF REV. W. A. STICKNEY.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, MACON.

Funerals	1

FAUNSDALE CHAPEL.—COLORED.

Baptisms	7
Marriages	2
Funerals	3

APPENDIX C.

Diocesan Treasurer's Account

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1, 1877.

HENRY BARNEWALL, Treasurer,

In Account with THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA.

1876.	*DR.*	
May 25.—To	Balance Cash from J. H. Fitts, Treasurer	$ 572 64
	Trinity Parish, Florence	50 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Spring Hill	35 00
	Athens Mission	20 00
	St. Stephen's Parish, Eutaw	75 00
	St. James' Parish, Eufaula	135 00
	Trinity Parish, Demopolis	150 00
	St. John's Parish, Mobile	250 00
	Christ Church Parish, Mobile	780 00
	St. Paul's Church, Selma	400 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Decatur	50 00
	St. Luke's Parish, Jacksonville	50 00
	St. John's Church Parish, Montgomery	780 00
	St. David's Parish, Dallas County	50 00
	St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen	4 00
	St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville	37 50
	St. Paul's Parish, Whistler	25 00
	Grace Church, Portland	45 05
	St. James' Parish, Livingston	75 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville	22 50
	Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown	40 00
	Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	250 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Greensboro'	150 00
	Trinity Church Parish, Mobile	400 00
	St. Peter's Parish, Talladega	30 00
	Montevallo Mission	20 00
	St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia	20 00
	St. Michael's Parish, Marengo	50 00
	St. Wilfrid's Parish, Marion	50 00
	St. Paul's Parish, Lowndesboro'	40 00
	Grace Church, Clayton	25 00
	Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	100 00
	Church of the Advent, Birmingham	40 00
	St. Mark's Parish, Fork of Greene	10 00
May 3.—	N. H. R. Dawson, Treasurer Bishop's Fund	610 00
		$5,441 69

1876.	CR.	
May 13.—By paid	D. Brantley, Sexton St. Paul's, Selma, services at Convention	$10 00
" "	Rev. R. H. Cobbs, Secretary to Convention	50 00
" 26.— " "	Piedmont and Arlington Life Insurance Company Policy No. 3400 Life Bishop Wilmer	129 25
" "	Southern Express Company, charges on box books and blanks from Tuskaloosa	1 75
July 6.— " "	Henry Farrow & Co., printing Journal $230, printing Bishop's Address $27 50	257 50
" "	Henry Farrow & Co., Express charges and postages	24 63
" "	Bishop R. H. Wilmer, in sundry payments as per vouchers	4,500 00
		$4,973 13
	To Balance	468 56
		$5,441 69

LIST OF PARISHES IN ARREARS.

Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	100 00
Calvary Church, Pushmataha, (old balance)	43 75
Church of the Advent, Birmingham,	20 00
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	20 00
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	150 00
Church of the Redeemer, Seale, (old balance)	70 00
Emmanuel Church, Opelika,	45 00
Grace Church, Clayton,	25 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Hayneville,	100 00
St. Andrew's Parish, Macon,	45 00
St. David's Parish, Dallas,	25 00
St. James' Parish, Livingston,	16 25
St. Luke's Parish, Cahaba,	15 00
St. John's Parish, Elyton,	25 00
*St. John's Parish, Tuscumbia,	60 00
*St. Mark's, Fork of Greene,	45 15
*St. Mark's Parish, Prattville,	70 00
*St. Mary's Parish, Evergreen,	66 00
St. Mary's Parish, Tallassee, (old balance)	58 75
St. Matthew's, Autaugaville, (old balance)	40 00
St. Paul's Parish, Carlowville,	7 50
St. Paul's Parish, Whistler,	25 00
*St. Mary's Parish, Camden,	20 00
*St. John's, Madison Station,	20 00
†St. Thomas' Parish, Greenville,	12 50
Trinity Parish, Mobile,	100 00
Trinity Parish, Union Springs,	10 00
Total Arrearages,	$1,234 90

HENRY BARNEWALL, Treas'r,
Diocese of Alabama.

Mobile, May 2d, 1877.

*Old Balances and Assessment of 1876-'77.
†Paid after Treasurer's account was closed.

APPENDIX D.

Annual Report of Treasurer of the Diocesan Mission Fund.

STEPHENS CROOM, Treasurer,

In Account with the DIOCESAN MISSION FUND OF ALABAMA.

DR.

To Balance at last Annual Report,	$ 320 43
To received since last Annual Report from—	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville,	85 00
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa,	42 00
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro',	112 75
St. Stephen's Church, Eutaw,	10 65
Trinity Church, Demopolis,	69 90
St. Michael's Church, Marengo,	41 40
Church of the Holy Cross, Uniontown,	16 75
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion,	5 00
St. Paul's Church, Selma,	44 60
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville,	20 00
Grace Church, Portland,	30 00
St. John's Church, Montgomery,	279 35
St. James' Church, Eufaula,	68 00
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville,	27 65
Troy Mission, Troy,	6 50
Christ Church, Mobile,	247 85
Easter offering of Christ Church Sunday School, Mobile,	300 59
St. John's Church, Mobile,	116 05
Trinity Church, Mobile,	117 25
Loaned by the Bishop from Church Home Funds,	200 00
	$2,161 72

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1876.	By paid the Bishop's Drafts in favor of and dated—	Voucher No.	
Apr. 19.—	Rev. DeB. Waddell,	1	$ 50 00
May 13.—	" DeB. Waddell,	2	10 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	3	10 00
" 30.—	" J. F. Smith,	4	50 00
" 31.—	" F. B. Lee,	5	222 62
July 3.—	" DeB. Waddell,	6	100 00
Aug. 16.—	" Peter Wager,	7	50 00
Sept. 20.—	" J. F. Smith,	8	50 00
Oct. 20.—	" A. Kinney Hall,	9	100 00
Nov. 1.—	" Peter Wager,	10	50 00
" "—	" DeB. Waddell,	11	50 00
" 20.—	" J. F. Smith,	12	75 00
Dec. 5.—	" S. E. Norton,	13	33 00
1877.			
Jan. 11.—	" DeB. Waddell,	14	100 00
" 18.—	" J. F. Smith,	15	50 00
	Amount carried forward		$1,000 62

		Voucher No.	
	Amount brought forward		$1,000 62
Feb. 14.—	Rev. S. E. Norton,	16	16 75
" 19.—	" Peter Wager,	17	50 00
" "—	*Church Home Fund,	18	200 00
" 20.—	Rev. A. Kinney Hall,	19	50 00
" 26.—	Church at Prattville,	20	100 00
Apl. 4.—	Missions, (Jewish)	21	50 00
" "—	Rev. Peter Wager,	22	50 00
" "—	" S. E. Norton,	23	50 00
" "—	" J. F. Smith,	24	50 00
" "—	" A. Kinney Hall,	25	50 00
" 30.—	" Chas. E. Cabaniss,	26	50 00
May 2.—	" DeB. Waddell,	27	10 00
	Printing Quarterly Statements,	28	4 30
	Balance on hand,		430 05
			$2,161 72

* This draft was drawn to re-pay the money loaned during the year by the Bishop to this Fund, from the Church Home Fund.

APPENDIX E.

Report of Trustees of Bishop's Fund.

The undersigned, Trustees of the Bishop's Fund, beg leave to Report: That since the last meeting of the Convention, no change has been made in the securities belonging to the Trust. They remain as reported to the last Convention. See Report of Treasurer, Schedule A, page 66 of Journal of 1876.

Under the resolution of the last Convention, see Journal, page 23, the remainder of the original notes given by individuals, to the several Parishes, before the late war, have been returned to the respective Parishes. Nothing has been done in regard to the Hamner Hall Property.

Accompanying this Report is the account of the Treasurer of the Fund—showing that he has collected all the interest due on all the securities, except the note of St. John's Parish, Montgomery. It appears that he has received $819 86, and has paid to the Diocesan Treasurer $610 00; leaving a balance $209 86, to be added to the principal of the Fund, under the resolution of the last Convention. See Journal 1876, page 20.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
H. C. HART,
JOSIAH MORRIS.

APPENDIX F.

Report of Treasurer of Bishop's Fund.

N. H. R. DAWSON, *Treasurer*,

in account with BISHOP'S FUND.

1876.	*DR.*	
July 1.	—To Semi-annual interest on Bonds of City of Selma, Nos. 52, 53 and 54, each for $500	$ 60 00
.. ..	.. Semi-annual interest on Bonds of City of Selma, No. 116, for $1,000	40 00
1877.		
Jan'y 1.	—.. Annual interest from N. H. R. Dawson	400 00
.. ..	.. Semi-annual interest on Bonds of City of Selma, Nos. 52, 53 and 54, each for $500	60 00
.. ..	.. Semi-annual interest on Bond of City of Selma, No. 116, for $1,000	40 00
May 1.	— .. August, November, February and May Coupons, on 3 U. S. Bonds Nos. 222-127, 222-128, 222-129, for $1,000 each, @ 5 per cent	150 00
.. ..	.. Premium on same, 6½	9 75
.. ..	.. July and January Coupons, on 4 U. S. 6 per cent. Bonds, Nos. 3937, 10391, 18390 and 5285, $100 each	24 00
.. ..	.. Premium on same, 6½	1 56
.. ..	.. Annual interest collected from Sam'l Edwards, on his note	34 55
		$819 86
1877.	*CR.*	
May 3.	— .. By paid Henry Barnewall, Treasurer Diocese of Ala.	610 00
	To Balance	$209 86

E. & O. E.

Selma, May 3d, 1877.

APPENDIX G.

Report of Registrar.

To the Forty-sixth Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama :

Since entering upon the duties of my office, I have received from the late M. E. MACARTNEY, Esq., former Registrar of this Diocese, all the books, documents and papers in his possession as heretofore reported by him.

Also the following :

TITLE DEEDS.

1. St. Peter's Church, Lowndes County.
2. Grace Church, Clayton, Barbour County.
3. Church Home for Orphan Boys, Mobile, deed from NICHOLAS PHELAN and wife.
4. Church Home for Orphan Boys, Mobile, deed from J. W. HOLMES and wife.

SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION.

1. Grace Church, Clayton, Barbour County.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Bank book of STEPHENS CROOM, Esq., Treasurer of the Diocesan Missionary Fund, in account with National Commercial Bank.
2. Vouchers of STEPHENS CROOM, Esq., Treasurer Diocesan Missionary Fund, year ending May 10th, 1876.
3. Vouchers of JAS. H. FITTS, Treasurer Diocese of Alabama, for the year ending May 10th, 1876.

The present incumbent cannot close this Report without bearing testimony to the manly character and christian virtue of his lamented predecessor in office. A wasting disease had so undermined the constitution of our late brother, that at the last Convention his sacred sense of duty compelled him to decline a re-election to the office which he had so faithfully filled for several years.

He anticipated the call of his Maker, and on the morning of August the 19th, he quietly, and in the spring time of life, passed away, possessing to the last, that firmness of faith, and that clearness and strength of intellect for which he was conspicuous amongst his fellows. MATHEW E. MACARTNEY did his duty in all the relations of life. To society, to his family and to his friends—to his country, to his Church and to his GOD, he was ever true and faithful. And the bright example he thus set to the young men of the Church should not be disregarded nor forgotten.

Respectfully submitted.

GAYLORD B. CLARK.

MOBILE, May 2d, 1877.

APPENDIX H.

Report of Trustees of University of the South.

The undersigned, Trustees of the University of the South, beg leave to Report:

That they attended the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at Sewanee, Tennessee, July 29th to August 4, 1876, and were glad to find the condition of the University much improved.

The work on the Hodgson Library was progressing steadily, and it was expected that it would be ready for occupation by the next meeting of the Board.

Through the earnest efforts of the Rt. Rev. CHARLES T. QUINTARD, the sum of over $10,000 was raised in England for the University; and a donation of $25,000 obtained from Mrs. E. M. MANIGAULT, for the erection of a Memorial Theological Hall. This much desired building has been put under contract, and will soon be completed.

We were impressed with the improved discipline of the institution, and can cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of the Church in this Diocese. Among the additions to the corps of professors we mention with pleasure the election of Rev. GEORGE T. WILMER, D. D., to the chair of Systematic Divinity and Metaphysics and English Literature. We regret to note the great loss sustained by the University in the death of Professor DABNEY; who was an able and faithful instructor.

Rev. Dr. BANISTER, we regret to state, was prevented from attending, on account of the illness of a member of his family.

Respectfully submitted.

N. H. R. DAWSON,
H. C. HART.

PARISH OR CHURCH.	When admitted into Union.	Baptisms.						Communic			
		Adults	Infants	TOTAL	Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals	At last Report.	Added	Died	[illegible]
Christ Church, Mobile	1830	..	...	13	13	4	16	....	..	..	
Christ Church, Tuskaloosa	1830	8	6	14	11	3	...	143	11	..	
St. Paul's Church, Greensboro'	1830	..	...	18	1	4	9	140	...	2	
Trinity Church, Demopolis	1835	4	6	10	3	1	3	....	...	1	
St. James' Church, Livingston	1836	..	...	3	...	1	3	45	...	1	
St. John's Church, Montgomery	1837	..	...	56	32	6	13	428	...	3	
St. Wilfrid's Church, Marion	1838	..	...	3	...	..	...	55	...	..	
St. Paul's Church, Selma	1838	..	...	25	14	2	7	188	...	3	
St. Paul's Church, Carlowville	1839	..	...	...	...	1	1	56	...	..	
Grace Church, County Line	....	..	...	...	...	..	...	....	...	..	
St. John's Church, Tuscumbia	1840	1	7	8	3	..	4	28	...	2	
Trinity Church, Florence	1840	..	12	12	2	..	3	49	...	..	
Church of the Nativity, Huntsville	1843	4	6	10	22	6	10	248	22	5	
St. James' Church, Eufaula	1845	1	15	16	2	3	1	100	...	..	
St. Stephen's Church, Greene County	1846	..	...	8	1	1	4	....	...	1	
St. Mark's Church, Fork of Greene	1847	..	...	2	...	1	...	....	...	..	
Trinity Church, Mobile	1847	..	...	76	17	6	33	507	..	8	
St. Luke's Church, Jacksonville	1849	..	...	4	3	..	...	60	...	..	
St. John's Church, Elyton	1851	1	2	3	1	1	2	....	...	2	
St. John's Church, Mobile	1854	..	...	88	68	24	46	520	...	9	
St. Michael's Church, Marengo County	1853	..	...	1	1	..	2	32	...	..	
St. Paul's Church, Lowndesboro'	1866	..	...	1	...	..	.	16	...	..	
St. Paul's Church, Spring Hill	1859	..	...	1	...	..	1	32	...	..	
Emmanuel Church, Opelika	1867	..	5	5	3	1	.	36	...	..	
St. Thomas' Church, Greenville	1867	..	..	1	...	3	.	40	...	..	
St. Mary's Church, Evergreen	1870	..	..	12	2	..	1	17	...	1	
St. Peter's Church, Talladega	1874	..	...	2	1	..	2	52	...	1	
St. Andrew's Church, Hayneville	1873	..	...	...	...	..	.	25	...	..	
Trinity Church, Union Springs	1873	..	...	2	1	..	.	12	..	..	
St. Paul's Church, Decatur	....	2	4	6	6	..	4	....	...	..	
Anniston Mission	....	..	...	1	1	..	.	6	...	..	
Church of the Advent, Birmingham	....	1	8	9	9	..	1	....	...	..	1
Montevallo Mission	....	..	...	..	...	..	.	14	...	..	
Mission at Athens	....	..	8	8	...	..	1	....	...	..	
Grace Church, Clayton	....	..	...	10	7	..	1	16	...	..	
Grace Church, Morgan County	....	..	2	2	11	..	.	....	..	..	
St. Andrew's Church, Macon	....	..	...	...	...	..	1	....	...	..	
Faunsdale Chapel	....	..	...	7	...	2	3	....	...	..	
TOTALS		22	81	437	237	70	172	2865	33	39	1

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